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Homes plan raises fear over loss of MG history

Concern also aired about extra traffic and jobs loss

By Katriona Ormiston

A COMPANY director behind plans to demolish warehouses once used to make MG cars has defended the plan to build almost 100 homes on the site.

Tony Lawson, of XLB Property, said companies using the units would have the option of moving to neighbouring Abingdon Business Park after concerns were raised that jobs could be lost.

And he added that he was "happy to consider" incorporating a memorial to the MG car company in the plans for the 93 flats and houses on the site of the eight warehouses off Colwell Drive – behind McDonald's in Marcham Road.

However, residents have raised concerns that the buildings are one of the last links to the history of MG car manufacturing in the town.

XLB Property and Rockspring, the joint owners of Abingdon Business Park, have submitted an outline planning application for the scheme to Vale of White Horse District Council.

They bought the park last year and announced a regeneration project to upgrade it in March.

Mr Lawson said: "When we bought the site it was about 40 per cent vacant.

• *The plan for housing on the site of the warehouses*

"Over the past months, we have spent millions renovating it and we have been quite successful. We have halved the vacancy rate, which is now at 20 per cent."

But he added: "The problem with those units is that they are very old and unfortunately very uneconomical to repair. And we have got enough business space on the park, there are more opportunities to accommodate them elsewhere."

UK Mail and Howden's Joinery operate from some of the warehouses, while

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Scouts delight in Downing St visit

• *From left, Vicky Hunt, Alex Hunt, Ethan Gerrard and Avril Williams with Rob Wilson MP, centre back, and other representatives from the Scouting movement*

SCOUTS from Abingdon visited 11 Downing Street to celebrate the success of their award-winning national social action campaign.

The 30th Abingdon Scouts have been taking part in the scheme A Million Hands, which supports four social issues: dementia, disability, mental wellbeing and clean water for all.

Its Scouts have pledged to take action on clean water and support the chariy WaterAid. Having helped to launch the project in 2015, the Minister for Civil Society Rob Wilson said: "A Million Hands has been incredibly successful in mobilising young people to engage in social action.

"The Scouts are doing a brilliant job, creating opportunities for young people to have a positive impact on their community while developing vital skills for life. I want to ensure all young people regardless of their background have the opportunity to do the same."

Chief Scout Bear Grylls was unable to attend, but praised those involved in the project, saying: "We want our young people to carry this social action long into the future and I'm already super proud so many Scouts are playing such positive roles in their local communities."

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Jailed for 10 years for killing mum and three children

Driver 'turned lorry into a lethal weapon'

By Adam Flinn

A LORRY driver who caused the deaths of three children and a mother after ramming into the back of a queue of cars while distracted by his phone has been jailed for 10 years.

Tomasz Kroker, 30, of Trajan Walk in Andover, was sentenced for killing Tracy Houghton, 45, her two sons Ethan, 13, and Josh, 11, and her partner's daughter Aimee Goldsmith, 11.

All died in the crash near the East Ilsley junction of the A34 at 5.10pm on August 10.

Dashcam footage from Kroker's lorry shown during sentencing at Reading Crown Court on Monday captured him looking at his phone until less than a second before triggering the eight-vehicle crash, by which point he didn't have enough time to stop.

After the sentencing, the family released a joint statement in which they said they did not believe the sentence imposed did 'justice to the crime committed'.

It added: "To all intents and purposes, Mr Kroker's use of his mobile phone whilst driving turned his lorry into a lethal weapon. He was so distracted he made no attempt to slow down."

Kroker's lorry piled into a queue of four cars at 50mph that had slowed to a standstill behind three lorries, the first of which was struggling to get up the hill at East Ilsley.

• Tomasz Kroker

The front car, a Vauxhall Corsa with Tracy, Ethan, Josh and Aimee inside, was forced underneath the third lorry in the queue. They were killed instantly.

Another man who was driving the car that was first hit by Kroker's lorry suffered life-threatening injuries that included a broken back, multiple rib fractures and a collapsed lung.

Prosecuting, Charles Ward-Jackson said: "This queue of seven vehicles should have been clearly visible to Kroker as he approached. For the last 16 seconds all three lorries in the queue were stationary, presenting an obvious blockage to Kroker's route, yet still he failed to see the queue.

• (from left) Aimee Goldsmith, Ethan Houghton, Josh Houghton, Jake Goldsmith and Tracy Houghton

"It is apparent he was scrolling through music selections on his phone, and this is what caused him to be so fatally distracted for this extended period."

The court also heard Kroker had signed a driver's declaration an hour before the crash which included the passage: "I will never use a hand-held mobile phone or hands free kit whilst driving."

Judge Maura McGowan said that Kroker "might as well have had his eyes closed" as he did not see the vehicles ahead for "something in the order of 45 seconds".

She continued: "This was excessive speed for the conditions, with signs along the road to suggest lorries would be slowing.

"Use of a handheld device such as a mobile phone is an unlawful act in itself, and in a very short period of time has done significant damage."

Family members of those killed were present for the sentencing, with some crying as the footage of the crash from inside and outside the lorry was shown.

Gavin Hernandez, district crown prosecutor for Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service, said: "This is not just a tragic accident, but a death caused by Kroker's inattention and distraction.

"Only 0.75 seconds before impact does he look up with sudden horror on his face, but it was too late for him to take any avoiding action.

"Kroker initially claimed at the scene that his brakes had failed and answered 'no comment' to two police interviews, but when confronted with the dashcam footage he admitted he had been playing with his mobile phone."

Horror of fatal crash

FAMILY members of the four people killed have spoken about the tragic events that unfolded.

Tracy Houghton, her two sons Ethan and Josh, and her partner's daughter Aimee Goldsmith were killed instantly when the car they were travelling in was rammed underneath a lorry.

Tracy's partner Mark Goldsmith and his 13-year-old son Jake were in the car immediately behind them.

The family was returning from a camping holiday in the West Country to their home in Bedfordshire when the crash happened at 5.10pm.

Mr Goldsmith said: "[The children] couldn't wait to get home because they all wanted to go Pokemon hunting. We all hugged, kissed, and got into the car.

"We pulled up behind some lorries that were crawling along. Everyone slowed down, and then that was it. Bang.

"Then I looked down at this car, and oh my god. I couldn't believe it. I'm just stood in the middle of this bloody road, looking."

Doug Houghton, father of Josh and Ethan, said: "I thought that was the worst day of my life, the kids being killed, but I think it was three weeks later I went to the funeral director's and saw them dead, cold, in their coffins."

In a joint statement from the family, they said: "To all intents and purposes, Mr Kroker's use of his mobile phone whilst driving turned his lorry into a lethal weapon. He was so distracted he made no attempt to slow down.

"The sentence of 10 years in prison will not ease our pain and suffering, nor do we believe it will send a strong enough message to those who lack the self-restraint to not use their mobile phones whilst driving."

Safety review for A34

A FULL safety review of the A34 will be carried out in anticipation of future improvement work.

Wantage MP Ed Vaizey led the debate in Westminster on Wednesday last week calling for the Government to do more to improve safety and ease congestion on the A34 following two fatal crashes over the summer.

• Ed Vaizey MP in the debate

Speaking in Westminster Hall, Mr Vaizey said: "Over capacity is the reason why there is so many accidents.

"The A34 is no longer fit for purpose. It's a dangerous road, and the delays and accidents that happen regularly on the A34 are having a significant economic impact on one of the most productive areas in the country.

"So action is long overdue and the need to urgently improve road safety alone would justify significant investment of money and time from the Department for Transport and Highways England."

Also mentioned was the possibility of turning the A34 into a motorway, called for by Henley MP John Howell and Oxford East MP Andrew Smith.

Mr Smith said: "It needs to be a motorway standard to guarantee the safety and the capacity we want to see, as the problems are only going to get worse in the future.

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27-year-old to spend 10 years behind bars for crimes

Paedophile jailed for preying on two vulnerable schoolgirls

By George Welch

A PAEDOPHILE from Abingdon who groomed a schoolgirl online before having sex with her twice and touched another girl under her clothing will spend a decade behind bars.

Lucas Irons, 27 of Ock Street, Abingdon, was sentenced to 10 years in jail after he was found guilty at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday.

He was convicted on September 12 on two counts of sexual activity with a child, one count of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, and one count of sexual assault on a child.

The offences took place between July 2014 and December 2014 in Abingdon and Oxford.

Irons groomed one of the girls online before meeting her on one occasion to have sex with her twice. The victim was under 16.

He also sexually assaulted another girl also under the age of 16 by touching her under her clothing.

Investigating officer, Det Con Petra Summers, of Force CID based in Abingdon, said: "I am pleased that Irons has been sentenced, and I would like to pay tribute to the young victims who came forward to report Irons who took advantage of his victims, by befriending them online, and then abusing them.

"I hope that this shows that Thames Valley Police will treat all reports of sexual offences extremely seriously and will always bring those to justice who seek to carry them out."

• *Lucas Irons has been jailed for grooming schoolgirls including having sex with one*

Concern over traffic

• *From front page*

others remained vacant.

Mr Lawson said that although creating something to mark MG's history on the site was a possibility, he had not been contacted by the Abingdon-based MG Car Club.

MG Car Club spokesman Chris Kynoch declined to comment when asked about the plans.

Abingdon resident Alastair Fear, who runs the website Abingdon Blog, said people are worried about the housing plan creating extra traffic as well as its possible effect on jobs.

He added: "Marcham Road is already a bottleneck, and adding more houses next to that roundabout could have a detrimental effect. And will the businesses be moving out of Abingdon? We want to keep some jobs in Abingdon."

The company's proposals for the site include 12 four-bedroom houses, 22 three-bedroom houses, 43 two-bedroom flats and 16 one-bedroom flats. Of these homes, 35 per cent would be affordable.

A public consultation is running on the Vale council website until November 9 and a target decision date for the plan has been set for January 3.

Jailed for not paying council tax

A MAN from Appleton has served a six-day prison sentence after breaching a committal order requiring him to pay council tax arrears.

Leslie Brett, 57, from Netherton Road, Appleton, Abingdon, was found to have breached a suspended committal order at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Monday 24 October which had been imposed on him in 2011 after he failed to pay his council tax. Under the order Brett had been sentenced to 28 days in prison, suspended upon him paying £40 per month towards his council tax arrears.

In 2015 a large amount of his arrears were paid off by the British Legion Benevolent Fund, but Brett then failed to make any payments towards the remaining £1,300 debt.

Magistrates heard how, despite repeated reminders and offers of assistance, as well as not making any payments he had failed to contact Vale of White Horse District Council to explain his circumstances.

In sentencing Brett, the District Judge took into account the payments already received and therefore reduced the time from 28 days to six.

Cllr Matthew Barber, leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "It's very important everyone pays their share for the services we provide. If someone has difficulty keeping up with payments we can offer payment plans and support."

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Teen clown arrest

ABINGDON: A teenager wearing a clown mask has been arrested in the town.

The 14-year-old was detained on October 24 on suspicion of possessing a knife or blade in public area and bailed until December 1.

The arrest came following a spate of "killer clown" sightings across the country, including 14 in the Thames Valley area, after a craze started in the United States.

Gaming day held

ABINGDON: Abingdon Guild of Adventurers is to host its annual South Oxfordshire Gaming Day at Radley village hall this weekend.

Saturday's event will raise money for the Footsteps Foundation and runs from 11am until 7.30pm, with sign-up open on the door from 10.30am.

Players pay £3 for entry.

Young gamers can also enjoy the event with a variety of board games and Lego building.

TV star to visit

ABINGDON: The Great British Bake Off star Mary Berry will appear in Abingdon later this month for a charity fair.

The cookery expert will visit The Barns cafe in Northcourt Road during a Christmas sale on November 18.

She will sign and sell some of her books.

The fair will raise money for children's charity Street Hope.

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Footsteps help Oscar to take his first steps

A 12-year-old from Wheatley who suffers from multiple disabilities has set his sights on walking to his local shop.

Oscar Towers' family was told he would never walk but, after nearly a decade of intensive physiotherapy and slow progress at the Footsteps Centre in Dorchester, he has started walking short distances.

Last year he was fitted with a mechanical mitral valve in his heart – which means that you can hear him tick when standing close to him – and survived four emergencies during a two-month stay in hospital and now despite setbacks, he has bounced back and learnt to walk.

• *Oscar Towers has received intensive physiotherapy for nine years*

His dad Richard Towers said: "Although Oscar can only walk short distances, the fact that he is walking at all could be thought of as nothing short of a miracle.

"In fact, it is because of nine years of hard work going to the Footsteps Centre to receive intensive physiotherapy 132 days a year.

"To celebrate his new walking, we have agreed a goal with Oscar to walk to our local shop, which is about 90m away.

"We still need to be very close to him when he is walking as he is prone to falling.

"He is currently learning to walk outside, around obstacles and he needs to look where he is going!"

Gosia Swietlik, head physiotherapist at the Footsteps Centre said: "Oscar has worked incredibly hard over the years and he always progressed but because of the extent of his brain damage it has been a slow journey.

"He is a popular child at Footsteps because of his wicked sense of humour! When he first walked everyone was so excited!"

Top cops focus on drug gangs

By George Welch

OXFORD'S new local policing commanders are to come down hard on drug dealers from outside Oxfordshire looking to exploit 'softer markets' in the Home Counties.

The new local policing commander, Superintendent Joe Kidman, and his deputy, Chief Inspector Marc Tarbit, outlined their priorities for the city on Monday.

Supt Kidman, who said the force has been run with the 'right priorities', stated that these aren't going to change drastically from Detective Superintendent Christian Bunt's regime, whom he replaced.

• *Superintendent Joe Kidman*

The pair announced that any form of exploitation – such as modern slavery and drugs – home burglaries, domestic abuse and, in particular, child sexual exploitation remain top priorities for the force.

But one of the evolving priorities is the emerging trend of London drugs gangs moving away from the capital to target 'softer markets'.

Chief Insp Tarbit, who has served Thames Valley Police for 18 years and began his new role in August, said: "One of the things that is being seen across the south east is the movement of gangs from London looking to exploit opportunities to sell drugs to what they might see as 'softer markets' in the home counties so we are very much alive to that as a threat to Oxford.

"We have ways of reducing their vulnerability and their dependency on drugs and make Oxford a less inviting place for these people to come and deal."

Supt Kidman, who started his new job on October 1, added: "We've got a range of resources we can deploy against these people and we are good at it."

He also said he has the tools at his disposal to make those being exploited "less vulnerable, less likely to be victimised, [and to] reduce their dependency on drugs" in order to make Oxford "more resilient to this kind of threat".

Supt Kidman, who has worked on the force since 1994 and has been a detective for the last 11 years, spoke of his pride in his new role.

He said: "It is an extraordinary honour to serve your city – our city – in leading the local policing effort. I have been here a month now and I've found it even more satisfying than the prospect of it."

On the day of the sentencing of Tomasz Kroker, who received 10 years in jail for causing death by dangerous driving while using his mobile phone at the wheel, Supt Kidman also spoke of the importance of not being distracted by mobile phones when driving and the need to make it as unacceptable to use a mobile while driving as it is to drink and drive.

• *Chief Inspector Marc Tarbit*

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Teenager robbed

OXFORD: A teenager was left hospitalised and unable to remember what had happened to him after a robbery in Oxford last week.

The 18-year-old victim was found at around 2.30am in Wellington Square on Wednesday last week with head injuries and taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

His iPhone, Gucci belt and wallet containing cash was stolen from him.

He has since been discharged from hospital.

Contact police on 101.

Remembrance

OXFORD: Oxford's Remembrance Sunday service will take place at the War Memorial in St Giles, between 10.30am and 12.15pm on November 13.

The service will be preceded by a procession, leaving St John's College at 10.25am.

The service will be led by the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford, and the City Rector, the Very Revd Robert Wilkes, with the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Kan, and multi-faith leaders from across the city in attendance.

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Roadshow aims to offer help on teaching careers

By George Welch

IF you're thinking of teacher training in September 2017 there is only one place to go to have all your questions answered.

The Train to Teach roadshow comes to Oxford on Tuesday and among those offering advice will be Oxford teacher Keith Ryan.

He teaches physics and chemistry at the Oxford Academy, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, and will talk to potential recruits about the rewards and opportunities a career in teaching offers.

Mr Ryan said: "It is incredibly exciting and rewarding to work in such a lively environment, knowing that you are making a personal difference to the lives of the students, inspiring and encouraging them to fulfil their potential and realise their ambitions.

"If you are in the local area and the idea of a teaching career sparks your interest, then come to the Train to Teach roadshow in Oxford and we'll tell you more.

• *Keith Ryan*

"The roadshow is a brilliant place to get all of your questions answered if you are thinking of starting teacher training in September 2017."

Visitors to the event at the Randolph Hotel in Beaumont Street will be able to meet representatives from schools and universities that provide teacher training, gain insights into how to make a strong application, and receive one-to-one advice from teachers and teaching experts.

The event from 4.30pm to 8.30pm will also showcase the financial support available and provide information on the competitive starting salaries, as well as the rewards that teaching has to offer.

Roger Pope, chairman of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, an executive agency of the Department for Education that provides a comprehensive programme of support for aspiring teachers, said: "Good teachers are in demand and there are excellent employment prospects.

"This event in Oxford isn't only for new graduates – every year, we see people from other sectors switching to teaching, bringing a wealth of experience to help inspire the next generation."

New app set to save lives

A NEW mobile phone application has been launched to help people in a medical emergency.

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS), which is behind the new App, says that it is capable of telling anyone in the UK where their nearest automatic external defibrillator (AED) is should they come across someone in cardiac arrest. The app can also help guide people in a crisis through how to carry out CPR.

The Save a Life App, which is iOS and Android compatible and free to download, has been developed for SCAS by its partner, O2, and uses GPS functionality.

As well as storing the details of approximately 2,300 AEDs across the South Central region, the app also contains videos that demonstrate how to carry out CPR on adults, children and infants.

Professor Charles Deakin, consultant in cardiac anaesthesia and intensive care, assistant medical director for SCAS and a member of the European Resuscitation council, said: "Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of premature death, but with immediate treatment many lives can be saved.

"Seconds really do count so by using the Save a Life App, someone can save many seconds, if not minutes, in using a defibrillator on a patient even before an ambulance arrives."

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MP's pensions plea

WANTAGE: MP Ed Vaizey spoke up for 3,000 pensioners affected by the collapse of the AEA Technology pension scheme.

Speaking in Parliament last week, Mr Vaizey said many had already seen their pensions cut by 10 per cent following the transfer of their public-sector pensions to private companies.

He said: "The Government needs to have a thoughtful conversation about how this wrong can be made right."

Xmas gifts appeal

OXON: Oxford law firm Blake Morgan is asking businesses to join its Secret Santa campaign to give children a Christmas present they might not otherwise get.

Firms can buy a gift after choosing a tag which shows a child's name, age and present ideas.

Last year more than 100 gifts were collected. Businesses interested in taking part should email solicitor Catherine Melis at Catherine.Melis@blakmorgan.co.uk or call 01865 258020.

Parking survey

WEST OXON: Views are being sought on West Oxfordshire District Council's parking strategy following a survey earlier this year.

The report offers a range of proposals including more spaces in key areas, improvements to facilities and a review of parking enforcement with free parking remaining the key focus.

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Bid to save up to £3.5m by closing centres for elderly

By George Welch

PROPOSALS to close centres for older and disabled people in Oxfordshire have been announced in a move that could save up to £3.5m.

As part of the plans, Oxfordshire County Council is looking to replace its eight Health and Wellbeing Centres and 14 learning disability daytime support services. The council has proposed two options:

• A centre-based service delivered from eight dedicated buildings providing support and outreach work

• A mixed service that would use community facilities such as libraries, leisure centres and allotments and have four dedicated buildings.

The council said it would save either £2.4m or £3.5m from a budget of £9.3m, depending on the option chosen.

It said there would be a guaranteed core service for people who require daytime support, alongside financial support to enable community-based services to continue to flourish.

People with assessed needs who receive help from the council's adult social services would continue to receive support under a new proposed structure for daytime support.

Three-quarters of all community-based services do not receive funding from the county council so would be unaffected by the changes.

Councillor Judith Heathcoat said: "We also want to help those who want to create new services. We hope to create more choice of day services from voluntary and private-sector organisations."

The council is also looking to replace its £992,000 annual funding for 47 community-based daytime support services with £250,000 of grants that services could bid for. If approved, the changes to services would begin in August 2017. The consultation was launched on Tuesday.

• *Councillor Judith Heathcoat*

• *Young innovators with the skeleton unearthed*

• *Children dig through bones at the event*

Digging into the past

CHILDREN helped solve clues to identify a mysterious skeleton when they dug into the past at the Museum of Oxford.

The youngsters unearthed the secrets of the bones found at the Westgate archaeological digs as part of the Oxcavation family day on Saturday.

During the free event, families had the chance to make crafts, handle objects and have a go at an archaeological dig.

A trail around the activities helped them unearth the skeleton found at the city centre dig.

Oxcavation was created by the museum's Young Innovators, a group of volunteers aged 16 to 25.

Oxford City Council museum development assistant David Juler said the programme helps create innovative events.

He added: "Their approach means that the Museum of Oxford can produce something new and exciting, but linked to what the museum is all about: telling the story of the city and its people."

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Take extra care

OXON: Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service is reminding drivers to take extra care in foggy conditions.

It urged them to ensure headlights were turned on and be aware of low visibility and wet and slippery roads.

Council survey

OXFORD: People who use the upgraded roundabout at The Plain are being invited to have their say on the new layout.

The purpose of the survey is to find out whether it has encouraged people to start cycling more. To take part go to www.consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/ThePlain_UserSurvey/

'Concerning' fall

OXFORD: There has been a "concerning" drop in the number of European Union students applying to study subjects such as medicine at Oxford University, an Oxfordshire MEP has warned.

Labour's Anneliese Dodds, who represents the South East, said new UCAS figures revealed a nine per cent drop in EU students applying for Britain's most competitive courses, including those at Oxford.

The drop comes after Britain voted to leave the EU on June 23.

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Horse rescued

WITNEY: A horse had to be rescued by firefighters after it became trapped in mud on a Witney riverbank.

The horse got stuck in the mud near the River Windrush, close to Willow Farm, at about 8.45am on Saturday.

Up to 10 firefighters helped with the rescue operation using specialist animal rescue equipment.

The horse was found to be unharmed after its rescue by the fire crew.

Story contest

OXON: Aspiring authors are being urged to enter Oxfordshire libraries' short story writing competition.

The winners, who will be announced in March, will see their entries published as an eBook and available via the library website, to be borrowed and read across the county.

The deadline for entries is January 4 and there are separate categories for adults and young adults.

Full terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to submit your entries, are available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk and click on 'libraries'.

Have your say online

Bulbs planted in tribute to fallen British soldiers

By George Welch

FALLEN British soldiers were remembered in a bulb-planting event at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital on Friday.

Exactly 456 daffodil bulbs were planted by residents, volunteers and the Royal British Legion in memory of the soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

The number 456 represents the personnel who gave their lives in Afghanistan – all their post-mortem examinations were carried out at the hospital in Headington.

Their coffins arrived in a cortege from Royal Wootton Basset or RAF Brize Norton and there was always a guard of honour at the hospital entrance off Headley Way and a welcome for the military families at St Anthony of Padua Church.

Organiser Brian Crossin said: "After the repatriations finished and the troops came out of Afghanistan, it seemed to me and my colleagues that it would be a shame if the 456 personnel that came through here were forgotten.

"This is going to be a living memorial. It will come up every spring, it will be fresh, a big blaze of colour, and people will know why those daffodils are there."

Volunteer John Walker was one of those who lined the route when the cortege carrying the service personnel's bodies were brought to the JR.

He said: "We would be called to attention, salute and lower our flags. There would be about 200 people lining the routes, including around 100 veterans."

• Event organiser Brian Crossin planting the 456th and last bulb and inset, Mr Crossin, right, with volunteer John Walker

Scientists discover link between your DNA and having children

OXFORD University scientists have identified 12 specific areas of the human DNA sequence related to the age at which we have our first child and the total number of children we have during the course of our life.

The study, led by Oxford University with the help of the universities of Groningen, The Netherlands, and Uppsala, Sweden, included an analysis of 62 datasets with information from 238,064 men and women for age at first birth, and almost 330,000 men and women for the number of children.

Until now, reproductive behaviour was thought to be mainly linked to personal choices or social circumstances and environmental factors.

However, this new research shows that genetic variants can be isolated and that there is also a biological basis for reproductive behaviour.

The researchers have identified 24 genes likely to be responsible for the effects of the 12 DNA variants on reproductive behaviour. Some of these genes were already known to influence infertility, while others have not yet been studied.

Lead author Professor Melinda Mills, of Oxford University, said: "For the first time, we now know where to find the DNA areas linked to reproductive behaviour.

"One day it may be possible to use this information so doctors can answer the important question: "How late can you wait?" based on the DNA variants."

First author Nicola Barban, also from the university, said: "Our genes do not determine our behaviour, but for the first time, we have identified parts of the DNA code that influence it. This is another small piece to understanding this very large jigsaw puzzle."

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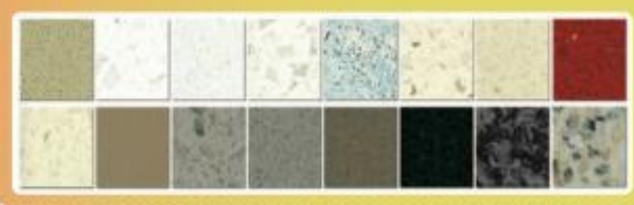

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Halloween animal fun

By George Welch

PUMPKINS, snakes and frogs are familiar sights at Halloween and visitors to Cotswold Wildlife Park, near Burford, got the chance to meet some.

The spookily-themed reptile and invertebrate houses got into the spirit of all things that go bump in the night with some of the creatures.

Among the animals on display were the blood python seen here crawling around a carved pumpkin, the mossy frog, including the first froglet bred at the park and named Bob, and the red-footed tortoise.

Death's head cockroaches take their name from a pattern that looks like a skull and frilled baby lizards completed the seasonal collection.

And for those visitors who weren't brave enough to venture into the reptile and invertebrate houses, there was also a decorated pumpkin patch featuring one topically dubbed Donald Trumpkin.

• All pictures are courtesy of Debbie Ryan, Cotswold Wildlife Park

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Trading estate to be redeveloped

By Samantha McGregor

• *The Mckay Trading Estate which could be redveloped*

PLANS to demolish the final buildings at a Bicester industrial estate have been approved.

Cherwell District Council's planning committee approved outline proposals to redevelop existing buildings at Mckay Trading Estate, off Station Approach.

The owner – Bicester Nominees Limited and Bicester II Nominees Limited who own Bicester Village – want to replace the current buildings with new purpose-built office space.

The new single office building would cover the same amount of floor space with parking and new vehicle and pedestrian access.

Concerns had been raised that the site could form a second access to Bicester Village – which the trading estate backs on to.

But as part of the planning approval a condition has been imposed preventing access to and from Bicester Village through Mckay Trading Estate.

Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "This application is all about making better use of an existing employment site to create more jobs within the same area.

"The existing buildings and units comprise a combination of warehouse, office and leisure uses, most of which have already made arrangements to relocate elsewhere.

"By providing purpose-built office space in place of the current buildings this is likely to provide a higher rate of employment per square metre than the existing business uses and lead to the provision of new jobs.

"Aside from the economic developments, the proposal provides the opportunity to demolish functional but unattractive industrial units and replace them with a higher quality, energy efficient structure which will boost the quality and appearance of the area.

"Furthermore, the location of the site lends itself well to sustainable travel options as it is opposite the Bicester Village railway station and close to the town centre which is well served by buses."

The application site relates to 0.485 hectares of land and the single office building will be 2,120 sqm of internal office space as well as associated parking provision.

Vehicular access to the development is proposed in a similar location to the existing access.

Units on the other side of the trading estate were previously demolished to make way for the redeveloped Bicester Village railway station.

Rugby success for sixth formers

KINGHAM Hill School Year 13 pupil Joshua Lima has celebrated taking the next step in his rugby career after being accepted by London Wasps Academy.

Joshua started training with the Wasps Academy earlier this month after successful trials in Coventry.

During his time at the academy, where former and current England players began their international careers, Joshua will take part in weekly squad training, gym sessions and matches against other academies.

Josh said: "It has always been my dream to play the sport I love. I hope to become the best player I possibly can be and to learn from the very best."

He follows fellow Year 13 pupil, Adam Smith who was chosen to play for the Irish Exiles, a rugby team which gives Irish-qualified rugby union players in Britain and France the chance to play for an Irish representational side and potentially the full Irish team.

• *Kingham School sixth formers celebrate rugby success*

News Bites

Chief executive to step down next year

OXON: The joint chief executive of Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils has announced she will step down from her post in March.

Sue Smith said her impending 60th birthday was the reason and she wanted to take on a "less demanding post elsewhere" and enjoy her hobbies.

Mrs Smith has spent 37 years working in local government and has been in post at Cherwell for five years.

She said one of the projects that stood out for her was the implementation of joint working across two authorities.

Volunteers wanted for hospital radio

N OXON: Radio Horton, based at Banbury's Horton General Hospital is looking for volunteers to visit wards and take music requests from patients.

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GPs should send obese to slimming class, says study

By George Welch

PATIENTS should be weighed during routine GP appointments so obese people can be sent to slimming classes, according to Oxford University experts.

The landmark study, led by Oxford University, claims tackling obesity by offering the opportunity to attend a weight-loss programme is effective, welcomed by patients and only takes 30 seconds.

The researchers said obese patients should be offered places on programmes such as Weight-watchers through the NHS, even if they were visiting their doctor for an unrelated matter.

The trial included 137 GPs in England and 1,882 people attending a consultation unrelated to weight loss. Their study found those who were referred lost an average of 2.4kg.

Professor Paul Aveyard, lead author of the study and a practising GP, said: "Doctors can be concerned about offending their patients by discussing their weight, but evidence from this trial shows that they should be much less worried.

"Our study found that a brief 30-second conversation, followed by help booking the first appointment on to a community weight loss programme, leads to weight-loss and is welcomed by patients.

"On average, people consult their doctor five times a year, meaning there is huge opportunity to deliver this low-cost intervention on a large scale."

The first controlled trial of its kind discovered that patients did not feel insulted to be offered slimming classes.

One in four adults are obese and treating diabetes alone costs the NHS an estimated £10bn a year.

The use of slimming classes by treating millions of people at £50 per class would reduce heart disease by 23 per cent and diabetes by 17 per cent by 2035, experts have estimated.

• *Study advocates weighing*

• *Cornbury Festival has announced next year's event will be the last*

Cornbury calls time on festival

ORGANISERS of Cornbury Festival have announced that next year's event will be the last.

The 14th festival will be staged next year at The Great Tew Park, near Enstone, from Friday, July 7, to Sunday, July 9.

The festival began in 2004 and has seen appearances from Amy Winehouse, Blondie, Elvis Costello and Van Morrison.

Nicknamed 'Poshstock', Cornbury is considered England's most upmarket festival and can also boast appearances from Robert Plant and Paul Simon.

Festival director Hugh Phillimore said: "We've had a fantastic run over the last 13 years and are very proud of the lovely event we've created.

"We have found ourselves in the centre of a wonderful community and are proud that we've been able to benefit many local causes over the years."

Mr Phillimore added: "We're going out with a bang.

"I can't wait to celebrate with friends old and new. Don't miss out on this last chance to join us for our fabulous finale."

Limited early-bird tickets went on sale at 9am on Friday.

Regular weekend tickets, weekend with camping and quieter camping will be available at discounted rates, along with VIP weekend tickets, which will be available as part of the early-bird offer for the first time.

To book tickets, go to www.cornburymusicfestival.com

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Band split up

OXFORD: Oxford band Stornoway have announced they are splitting up.

They will play a farewell tour in March.

Singer Brian Briggs is to concentrate on his work for wildlife conservation, while keyboardist Jon Quin will focus on writing for radio, film and theatre.

Bassist Oli Steadman is a gig promoter and has a Zulu music side project, while his brother, drummer Rob, is studying in New York.

Lock repair work

OXON: Five Oxfordshire locks are to be repaired or refurbished as the Environment Agency embarks on its annual winter programme.

The works along the River Thames began on Tuesday.

Topping league

OXON: Painters and decorators in Oxford have topped the Southern regional table for a collection of unwanted paint in the national Kick Out The Can recycling scheme.

The organisers say they have received 1,250 unopened or part-used tins at the Crown Decorating Centre on the Horspath Road Trading Estate.

The paint will go to benefit community groups across Oxfordshire.

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Service boost

OXON: One of Oxfordshire's major bus companies announced last week it would be improving its service to Woodstock and Blenheim Palace.

Oxford Bus Company is to extend its service 500 with two buses per hour from Sunday, December 11.

This will form part of a revised timetable which retains a 15-minute frequency between Oxford Parkway and Oxford Rail station, with half-hourly extensions to Woodstock.

The new section of the service will operate via Kidlington, Langford Lane (near to Oxford Airport) and the A44.

Tool thefts rise

SOUTH AND VALE: The theft of tools in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse has seen a rise, Thames Valley Police has warned residents.

Between 16 September and October 10, there were 34 tool thefts, with the highest number being from around Wheatley, Chalgrove, Horspath, Forest Hill, Great Haseley, Great Milton, Littleworth, and Sandford-on-Thames.

The tools were mainly taken from vehicles, business premises, sheds and garages, but homes have also been burgled. If you have any information about the thefts, call 101,

Half marathon cash boosts Skye appeal

By George Welch

A KEEN runner has boosted the funds of the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year, Blue Skye Thinking, after taking part in the Vitality Oxford Half Marathon.

Katie Webster, of Oxford, raised £300 for Blue Skye Thinking by pounding the city's streets on October 9.

The 36-year-old ran the 13.1 miles in 1 hour 39 minutes and 11 seconds in 'perfect running conditions' of very sunny with a bit of a chill. She said: "Knowing I was making such a difference to this small charity meant the world to me and I look forward to doing some more fundraising again in the near future."

Money raised by the half marathon will go to the charity's 'Aim Skye High Appeal', which aims to raise £50,000 towards a three-year, post-doctoral research position at the Northern Institute for Cancer Research.

Blue Skye Thinking was set up by Sally and Andrew Hall in memory of their son, Skye, who died in 2014 from side effects of his treatment for Medulloblastoma, an aggressive and cancerous brain tumour.

Only just over one per cent of cancer funding goes towards research into brain tumours, the number one cancer killer in children and teenagers.

Sally Hall, founder of Blue Skye Thinking and mum to Skye, said: "We are delighted with the amount Katie has raised for us as every penny makes a difference we edge closer to our fundraising target of £50,000."

To support Katie, visit: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Katie-Webster12

To support the appeal, visit: http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/blueskyethinking/aimskyehigh, or text UPUP52 £3 to 70070

You can help the Skye appeal by taking part in a firewalk this Saturday at The Nag's Head in Abingdon. Hardy souls can firewalk from £20, with spectators invited to watch as they brave the hot coals. Tickets cost £10 and include a hog roast, firework display and entertainment. Go to www.blueskyethinking.org

• *Katie Webster running the Vitality Oxford Half Marathon last month in aid of the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year Blue Skye Thinking and right, mum Sally with Skye celebrating Bonfore Night*

• *Connor Sparrowhawk*

Communication with families must improve

AN NHS trust criticised for failing to properly investigate hundreds of deaths must improve the way it deals with patients' families, an internal report found.

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust came under intense scrutiny following the death of Connor Sparrowhawk, who drowned in a bath at Slade House in Oxford in 2013.

The report, published on Tuesday last week, criticised the trust's "poor or non-existent" communication with families.

The report spoke to 17 people from 12 families.

Julie Dawes, the trust's interim chief executive, said: "We know we need to improve and we are committed to doing things better."

She said an update on changes would be given to the families involved in six months.

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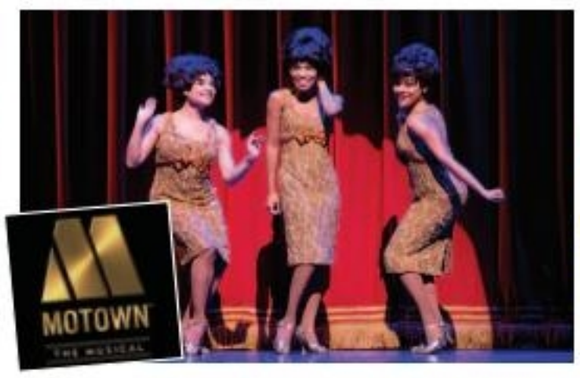

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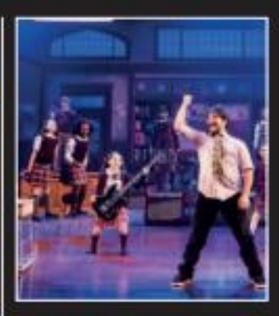

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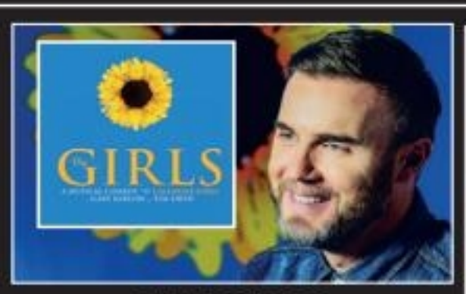

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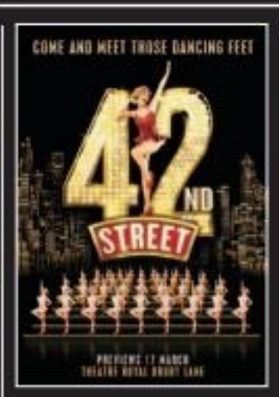

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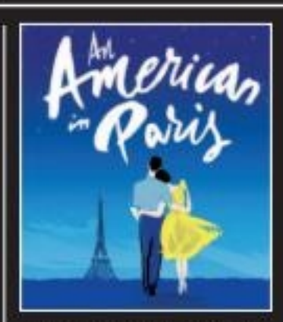

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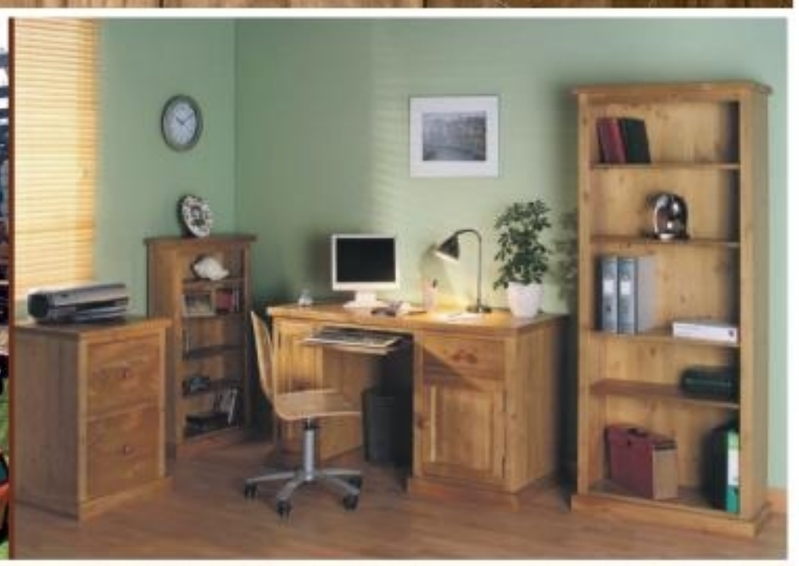

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Man receives 18 years for murder attempt on mum

By Samantha McGregor

A MAN has been jailed for 18 years for the attempted murder of his mother.

Steven Williams, 44, of Hailey Road, Chipping Norton, was sentenced on Friday at Oxford Crown Court.

He had been found guilty by a majority verdict of attempted murder the day before following a seven-day trial.

Williams attacked his 72-year-old mother Daphne Williams at her home in Hailey Avenue in April this year, stabbing her in the neck.

She was able to contact emergency services and both police and the ambulance service attended the scene and found the victim suffering from potentially life-threatening stab wounds.

Williams was arrested on April 25 and charged two days later.

Williams is understood to have been involved in a car crash several years ago and suffered life-changing injuries.

Det Insp Larry Johnson, based at Banbury police station, said: "I am very pleased with the outcome of this trial. Williams subjected the victim to a serious, unprovoked attack, which very nearly killed her.

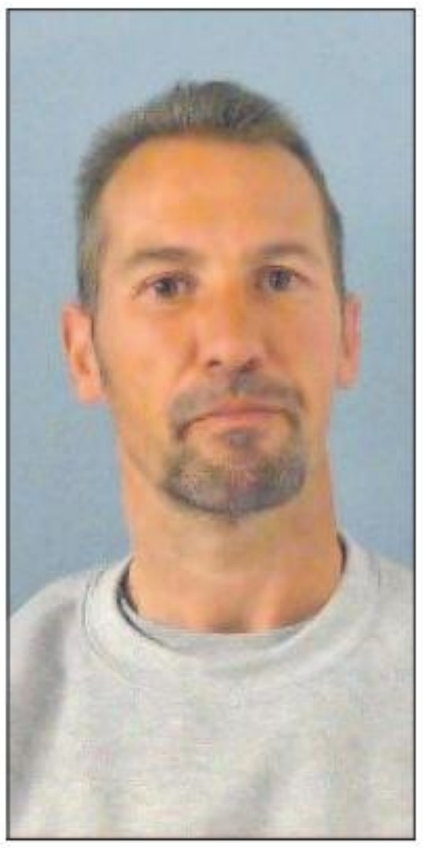
"He also decided to plead not guilty, which has put the victim and her family through unnecessary further suffering and stress."

He added: "I would like to commend the victim for her bravery throughout this process, and I hope that the lengthy sentence given to Williams helps in some way to help her and her family move on from this incident."

Reaction on Thames Valley Police's Facebook page included postings from Wendy Gordon, who said: "This man suffered severe brain damage in a vehicle accident 9 years ago, after which his wife divorced him. I'm not excusing him for what he did, but he's not had it easy, either!"

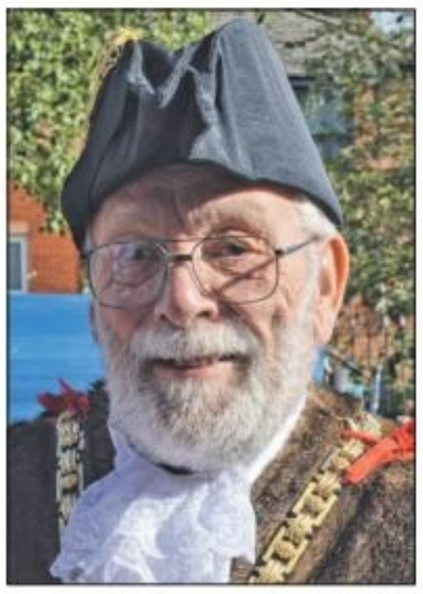
Another person, Cheryl Clifton, commented: "Just thinking of his mum and family, I'm glad he's been put behind bars."

Anna Dix added: "Thinking of Daphne", while Jacqueline Long said: "Well justice got done."



• *Steven Williams was found guilty of the attempted murder of his mother and jailed for 18 years*

Mayor urges support for toy appeal



• *Mayor Gordon Ross is urging people to donate toys for disadvantaged children*

AN appeal that provides Christmas presents for the children of Banbury's poorer families is being launched later this month.

Mayor Gordon Ross is asking residents to donate toys that can be distributed to parents who cannot afford to buy presents for their children at a 'giving' time of the year.

The toys, which can be new or secondhand in excellent condition, can be donated at Banbury Town Hall between 9am and 4pm Monday to Thursday, and from 9am to midday on the Friday during the appeal week which runs from Monday, November 28, to Friday, December 2.

The toys should be suitable for boys and girls, aged from babies up to teenagers.

All the donations will be handed over to children's centres in Banbury, which will ensure they go to suitable homes.

Councillor Ross said: "Some families in Banbury, for various reasons, have no money to spend on presents for their children, and cannot, therefore, make Christmas Day the special occasion the rest of us take for granted.

"Over many years, generous people in Banbury and the surrounding area have come forward to help those families.

"Once again this year, the appeal is important to those who cannot give their children a 'real' Christmas.

"I hope everyone who goes out Christmas shopping will buy a gift and donate it to this worthwhile cause."

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Homes total boost

BANBURY: A further four houses will be built as part of an ongoing development in Bodicote.

Cherwell District Council's planning committee approved plans to build the extra homes and to change the types of homes being constructed on the scheme to allow rooms in the roofs.

A total of 86 homes can now be built on former farmland on the south side of Bodicote, north-west of Cotefield Farm and south of Blackwood Place.

Marina expansion

BANBURY: Plans to extend Cropredy Marina to provide 100 new moorings have been approved.

The approval includes conditions to submit an external lighting plan and no residential mooring or boat-hire services in the basin.

Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "The canal continues to be an important factor in the rural economy and we believe this development will support commerce and tourism in the village and local area."

Santa signs hunt

THAME: People are being urged to join a Santa treasure trail to win a chance to turn the town's Christmas lights on.

A total of 24 Go-Kart Santa signs have been hidden in shop windows and town-centre buildings.

People can start hunting for the signs from Friday, November 4, and have until December 1 to submit their entry.

For more information, view the website: thametowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas.

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Families visiting Christmas at Paultons will enjoy Santa's Grotto, as they join a reindeer on his journey to find Santa in time for Christmas Eve. Along the way, children will meet many of the reindeer's animal friends and be greeted by Father Christmas himself at the magical grotto.

After receiving a special present, children can visit the Park's state-of-the-art 4D Show Street Cinema for a screening of the Christmas adventure film, Sleigh Ride, where Blitzen the reindeer and elf Bobo help Santa and save Christmas.

Guests will be entertained with a new daily Christmas Show. Adults can enjoy a complimentary hot fruit punch and a seasonal treat whereas children of course receive a free Christmas present.. Visitors will also be able to enjoy selected rides and attractions, including Peppa Pig World.

For more details please visit www.paultonspark.co.uk.

Closing date: Friday, November 11

Win tickets

To be in with a chance of winning the family tickets just answer the following simple question:

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The prize consists of one day family ticket for two adults and two children. Tickets are valid for the opening weekend ONLY of Christmas at Paultons (Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 November, 2016) .Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged. A time slot to enter the grotto will be allocated in advance of the visit.

Please note that Lost Kingdom (all rides and attractions), Edge, Cobra, Magma, Go-Karts, Dragon Ride, Digger Ride, Seal Falls, Raging River Ride, Sky Swinger, Water Kingdom and Muddy Puddles will not be open for Christmas at Paultons.

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Retirement villages can help families to have peace of mind

Living Life to the Full

By Sarah Town

HELPING elderly parents remain in the family home can be just as stressful for grown-up children as it is for the person trying to maintain their independence. But few people want to see their parents in a care home unless care needs necessitate. That's why more families are looking at retirement villages which provide a choice of accommodation, fantastic facilities and reassurance of on-site support and care.

"Deciding what's best for Mum and Dad is an issue facing an increasing number of families as the population ages and one we hear frequently," says Paddy Brice, managing director of Richmond Villages, who have an award winning retirement village at Letcombe Regis, near Wantage, and a new community just opening in Witney.

"Keeping people in their own home is often only achievable with great support from a network of family, friends, neighbours and public services, the stress on everyone can be considerable."

It was the need for support such as having meals, laundry and cleaning provided that persuaded Liz Smith to look for a retirement village for her father.

"My father had been widowed for a number of years and had lived independently in the family home. But as he got older he was struggling with day-to-day life" she says.

"I looked at several places, but the thing that impressed us all about Richmond Villages, including my dad, were the facilities and the fact it was very much a social community as well. It was important for my dad that he owned his own property and this was something Richmond Villages were able to offer."

Liz's father bought a Village Suite which has a large bedroom with walk-in wet room. It also has a separate living room with a kitchenette that has a microwave and washing-up facilities.

"The assisted living package means all his meals are provided, his washing, laundry and cleaning are done, in fact everything is done for him," says Liz. "For myself and my family it's given us peace of mind."

The swimming pool at Richmond Letcombe Regis

Computer generated image of the bowling green at Richmond Witney

Liz describes living at Richmond Villages as, "like living in a five-star hotel" and says that her dad really enjoys using the swimming pool. "There are various exercise classes, as well as lots of clubs and societies he can belong to should he choose."

Richmond Villages have three types of accommodation: one and two bedroom apartments for an independent lifestyle and one and two bedroom Village Suites providing assisted living. For added reassurance there is also a care home providing 24-hour nursing and dementia care.

"Meeting up with friends is a great social occasion for most people and the social aspects are enhanced by our activities and events team who arrange everything from bridge clubs to cultural festivals," says Paddy Brice. "We also have our own vehicles and drivers so shopping and other trips mean not having to rely on taxis or family and friends if you don't drive anymore."

So, if you're in the situation where your concerned about your elderly relatives why not take a look at retirement villages; you'll be pleasantly surprised!

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9 Weaving frames (5)
10 For a period (9)
12 Weight (3)
13 On top of (4)
15 Of or like fire (7)
17 English nobleman (4)
19 Open fabric (3)
21 Those who are present (9)
22 Struck an attitude (5)
23 Tell (7)
24 Contend (7)
25 Type of pea (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Joyous (8)
2 Meal (6)
3 Personal ornament (7)
4 Fragrance (5)
5 Make good (6)
6 Possessive pronoun (4)
7 Secret (11)
11 Make dirty (4)
13 To be accustomed (4)
14 Short film about current events (8)
16 Deprive of courage (7)
18 Take up again (6)
20 Occupier (6)
21 Increased (5)
22 Choose (4)

Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Cyril's composing songs (6)
7 Turns, alas, to spoil the wine (7)
8 In time I've come back to turn aside (7)
9 Material found in any London store (5)
10 Shameless and without make-up (9)
12 Before a tune is heard (3)
13 Brought up by the baker? (4)
15 Progressive loan (7)
17 The last thing one does (4)
19 Consumed a sound number (3)
21 Lessens fashion charges (9)
22 The lot, musically (5)
23 Act like a snake and cut her (7)
24 Against the only comfort? (7)
25 Sound sense leads us to a population count (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 But not a suitable mate for the cock (8)
2 French dream concerning respect (6)
3 Teased in a corny way (7)
4 Mind about the right fashion (5)
5 But he is not necessarily a suitor (6)
6 Grass skirts are not made from this material (4)
7 Archie mends his wares (11)
11 Periods found in other Asian cultures (4)
13 Wager on a Greek letter (4)
14 Courses one abandons about the start of the season (8)
16 Take care about the bin - it's explosive (7)
18 Get in a muddle at table (6)
20 Draws the eagle's head, then the chest, a little roughly (6)
21 The younger son sounds destined for the pit (5)
22 Zig-zag stitch (4)

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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

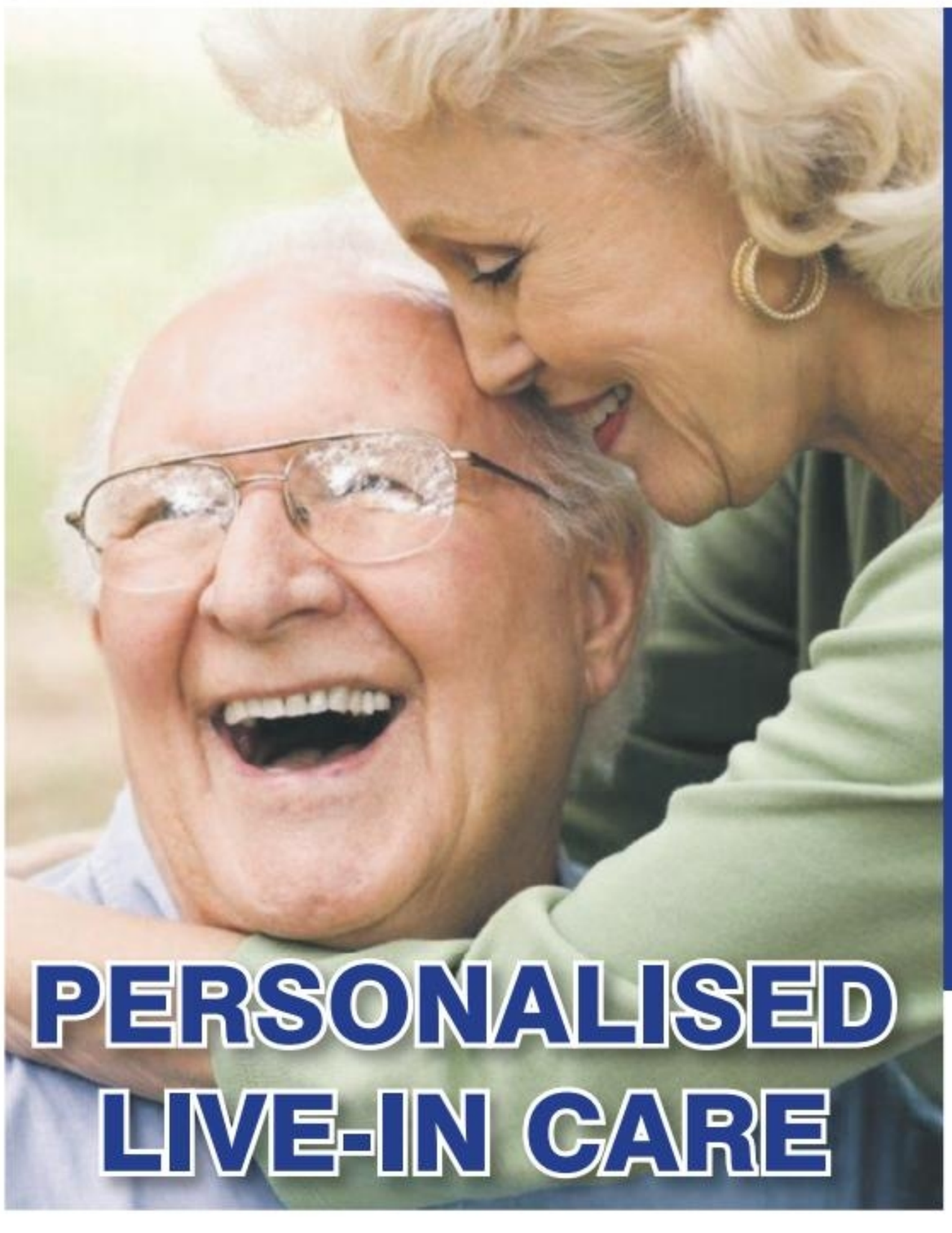
Across: 1 Garden 7 Compere 8 Apparel 9 Looms 10 Sessional 12 Ton 13 Upon 15 Ingenious 17 Earl 19 Net 21 Attenders 22 Posed 23 Narrate 24 Compete 25 Lentil

Down: 1 Gladsome 2 Repast 3 Earning 4 Smell 5 Recoup 6 Hers 7 Clandestine 11 Soil 13 Used 14 Newsreel 16 Unnerve 18 Resume 20 Tenant 21 Added 22 Pick

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Lyrics 7 Marsala 8 Deviate 9 Nylon 10 Barefaced 12 Ere 13 Bred 15 Advance 17 Dies 19 Ate 21 Moderates 22 Tutti 23 Slither 24 Console 25 Census

Down: 1 Ladybird 2 Revere 3 Chaffed 4 Trend 5 Tailor 6 Lawn 7 Merchandise 11 Eras 13 Beta 14 Desserts 16 Carbine 18 Eating 20 Etches 21 Minor 22 Tack



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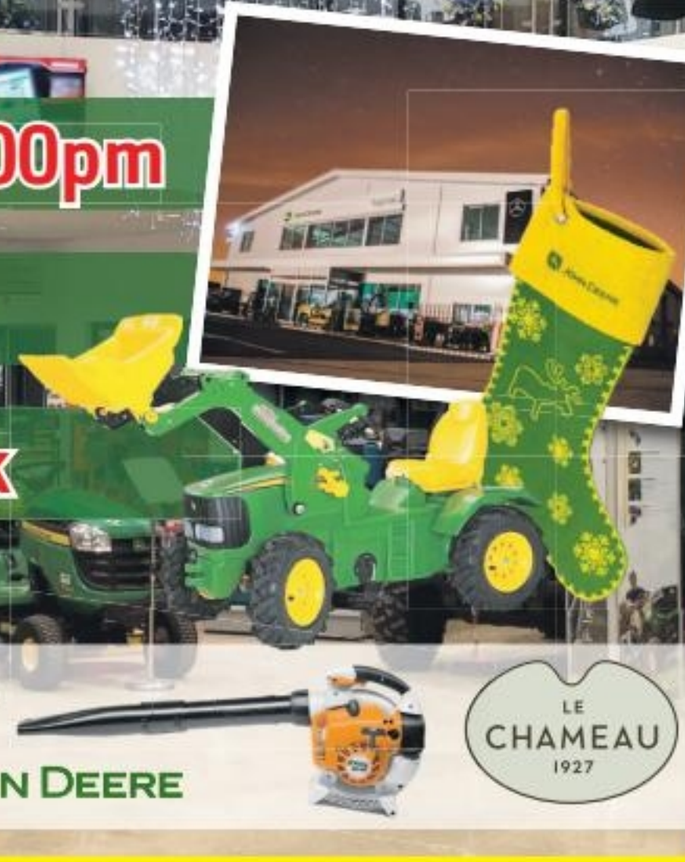

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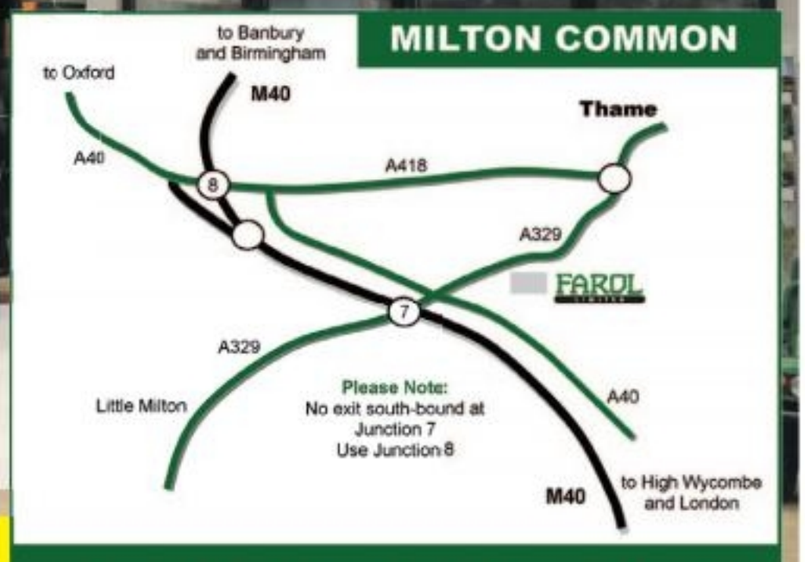

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Car Maintenance Tips

by JS Motorworks

As the temperatures plummet, we need to take extra care when it comes to the maintenance of our cars, read our following top tips to help you through the winter months.

1. Prior to making a cold start in sub-zero temperatures, leave the ignition on for approximately five seconds, before activating the starter motor. This will allow fuel pumps time to pressurise and the car's electrical system will have the chance to complete any diagnostics check first, saving the battery the extra stress of performing these tasks while it has to churn the engine over.

2. During starting, depress the clutch pedal. This ensures that the starter motor does not have to rotate the gearbox shafts within cold and thick transmission oil. The result is less stress on the battery and starter. Once the engine has started, release the clutch pedal slowly.

3. Never rev the engine, by 'blipping' the throttle, immediately after a cold start. When cold, engine oil takes longer to reach the moving parts and so revving the engine needlessly will increase wear rates, as well as wasting fuel. Never run the engine in an enclosed space, the exhaust gases are still poisonous even on the most modern of vehicles.

4. Do not subject a cold engine to heavy loads immediately. Once started, allow the engine to idle for at least ten seconds with no load, prior to selecting a gear.

5. Engine oil has to be at an optimum temperature to offer the fullest protection. Therefore increase engine revs and load progressively as the engine warms. Note that lubricating oil takes longer to reach its ideal working temperature than coolant does.

6. Transmission oil is also thicker at lower temperatures and you might find that some lower gears (usually first and second) will be harder to engage at speed, until the transmission warms thoroughly. Double-declutching can help.

7. Turn off any electrical accessories as soon as you do not need them. Leaving high-current sapping items engaged, such as heated rear windows, mirrors and seats, deprives the battery of current that could be used to recharge it.

8. If you cover many short journeys, it is possible that your engine never gets the chance to warm up fully during winter. If your average journey length is under a few miles, take your car for an extended drive at least once a fortnight, at speeds in excess of 45mph, assuming the conditions are safe enough to do so. This will give the battery more chance to recharge and, if fitted, will allow the particulate filter to regenerate on diesel cars.

9. The dirt on your paint can abrade the surface if anything brushes past it. Therefore, wash your car regularly. Direct a hose beneath the wheel arches and under the floor, to help remove any corrosive salty deposits. Cleaning alloy wheels is a vital way of reducing the risk of corrosion taking hold.

10. Ensure that the engine coolant contains anti-freeze strength of between 30% and 50%. If the concentration is too low, the engine could freeze. If too high, the effectiveness of the solution to disperse heat is minimised.

11. Keep the screen wash bottle topped up and use the right concentration of solution. The most effective screen washes were evaluated in this recent GEM test. Driving with an empty bottle is illegal.

12. Be very wary of driving through deep water. On many engines, the air intake is located low down and, should any water be sucked into the engine, severe damage is likely. Similarly, allowing flood water to soak the carpets could be enough to ruin the electric components that are located on or near the floor-pan.

13. Allow the windscreen wipers time to park and switch the column stalk to its 'off' position, prior to alighting. Should the wipers be operated upon your return and they are frozen to the windscreen, a fuse might blow. Alternatively, you could damage not only the wiper blades but also the motor and its mechanism.

14. Tyre pressures will reduce as the external temperature drops and you should check them at least once-a-week. Running under-inflated tyres will not enhance grip either. Although the minimum legal tread depth is 1.6mm, tread that has fallen to below 2.0mm will have seriously-reduced grip in wet conditions.

15. Finally, open the bonnet and check that dead and rotting leaves are not blocking the interior air vents. Should the windows become misted, use the air conditioning. This will not only help to defog the interior but using air-con regularly helps to maintain it in an optimum condition.

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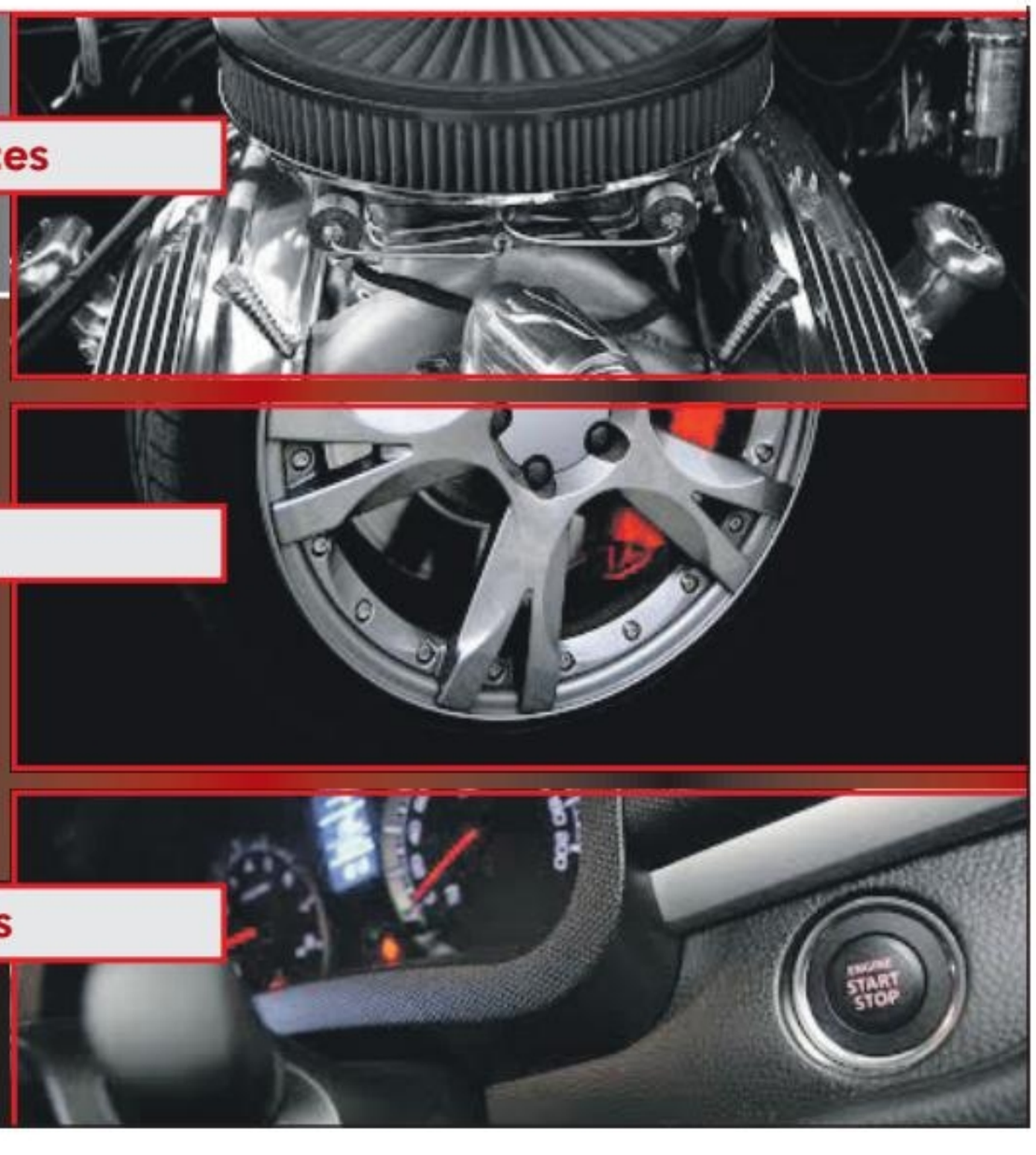

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Saturday November 5th

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.00 Live International Rugby Union** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.15 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.45 BBC News** (S) **5.55 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.05 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.55 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

7.30 Live Four Nations Rugby League New Zealand v Australia (kick-off 8.00pm). (S)

8.20 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which strangers pair up to win money. (S)

9.10 Casualty Charlie helps Duffy to deliver her own grandchild. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.35 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream Romesh Ranganathan meets his ranch-hand cousin Krishna in Colorado. (S)

12.05 FILM Obsessed (2009) (12) Thriller, starring Idris Elba and Beyonce Knowles. (S) **1.50** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.55** BBC News (S)

BBC2

7.50 The Women's Football Show (S)(R) **8.25 FILM The White Tower (1950) (U)** (S) **9.55 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Natural World: Jungle Gremlins of Java** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM The Lady Vanishes (1938) (U)** (S) **2.30 Alfred Hitchcock: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **3.10 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.00 Flog It!** (S) **5.00 Live Four Nations Rugby League** (S)

10.00 FILM Glory (1989) (15) Oscar-winning fact-based historical drama about the first all-black regiment to fight in the American Civil War. Starring Denzel Washington. (S)

11.55 FILM Sergeant Rutledge (1960) (PG) John Ford's Western courtroom drama, starring Woody Strode and Jeffrey Hunter. (S)

1.45 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation (S)(R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Wild Australia with Ray Mears** (S)(R) **11.55 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.50 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.00 Cash Trapped** (S)(R) **2.00 This Time Next Year** (S)(R) **3.00 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **4.05 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **4.30 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News** (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)

7.00 Meet the Parents Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary hosts as the live show phase continues. (S)

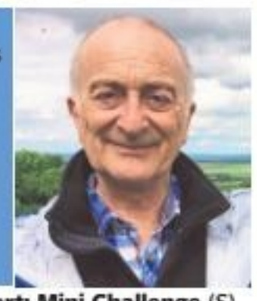
9.40 The Jonathan Ross Show Michael Douglas, Keith Lemon, John Bishop and Michelle Keegan join Jonathan. Plus, OneRepublic perform live. (S)

10.40 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.00 FILM Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams, Fenella Fielding and Harry H Corbett. (S)

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



6.15 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge (S) **6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.30 Deal or No Deal** (S) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.00 Jamie's Super Food** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 China: Between Clouds and Dreams New series. Documentaries exploring the everyday lives of people throughout the country. (S)

8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson The Time Team presenter explores the North Downs Way. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. (S)

10.00 FILM The Impossible (2012) (12) Drama, with Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor. (S)

12.15 FILM Admission (2013) (12) Comedy drama, starring Tina Fey. (S) **2.05** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.10** Supershoppers (S)(R) **4.35** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) **5.30** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.15 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **11.10 FILM Attack on the Iron Coast (1968) (U)** (S) **1.00 FILM Snowed in at Christmas (2015) (PG)** (S) **2.50 FILM Matchmaker Santa (2012) (PG)** (S) **4.30 FILM Christmas Mail (2010) (PG)** Festive romantic comedy, starring Ashley Scott and AJ Buckley. (S) **6.15 NCIS** (S)(R)

7.05 NCIS Gibbs is forced to work with Trent Kort. (S)(R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans Pride's feud with a dangerous militia has dangerous consequences for his daughter. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

10.00 FILM Sex and the City 2 (2010) (15) Comedy sequel, with Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm. (S)

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6.00 The Hot Desk: Ella Eyre **6.10** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.05** Catchphrase **11.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **12.50** FILM: The Bachelor (1999) (12) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: The Bachelor (1999) (12) **2.45** FILM: The Lake House (2006) (PG) Romantic fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** FILM: The Lake House (2006) (PG) Romantic fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. **4.50** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) Family drama, with the voice of Julia Roberts. **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) Concluded. **6.40** FILM: Red Riding Hood (2011) (12) Fantasy, starring Amanda Seyfried. **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45** FILM: Red Riding Hood (2011) (12) Concluded. **8.45** Scorpion **9.40** The Xtra Factor Live **10.10** Celebrity Juice **10.55** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.55** FILM: Little Man (2006) (12) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** FILM: Little Man (2006) (12) **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Judge Judy **6.30** Where the Heart Is **8.30** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **9.35** FYI Daily **9.40** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **10.20** FILM: Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972) (PG) **11.55** Hidden Treasure **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.05** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** The Blonde Bombshell **1.05** Wycliffe **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Timeshift: The Last Days of Steam **8.00** The Incredible Human Journey **9.00** The Code **10.55** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **11.55** Sings Elvis **12.55** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.05** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **3.05** Sounds of the Sixties **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.20** Animals Unleashed **7.10** Baby Daddy **8.00** Made in Chelsea **9.05** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **12.00** FILM: Dunston Checks In (1996) (PG) **1.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** Black-ish **3.00** The Goldbergs **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Jeremy Renner. **11.40** Gogglebox **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.50** Rude Tube **2.50** Body Fixers **3.40** Animals Unleashed **4.25** The Mindy Project **5.10** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tony Robinson: Down Under **9.55** Vet on the Hill **10.55** Come Dine with Me **1.40** Four in a Bed **4.20** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Little British Isles with Alison Steadman **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **9.00** Tony Robinson: Down Under **10.00** President Trump: Can He Really Win? **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Tony Robinson: Down Under **2.20** Love Child **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Casper (1995) (PG) Supernatural family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. **1.00** Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Kathryn McCormick. **3.00** Carry On Nurse (1959) (PG) Comedy, starring Hattie Jacques. **4.45** Just Wright (2010) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Queen Latifah and Common. **6.55** Home Alone (1990) (PG) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **9.00** The Guest (2014) (15) Premiere. A couple invite an old friend of their dead son to stay with them, but begin to wonder if he is what he appears to be. Thriller, starring Dan Stevens. **11.05** Man on Fire (2004) (18) Action thriller, starring Denzel Washington. **1.55** The Keep (1983) (18) **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.05 Sin City Motors **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** Trawlermen **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **7.00** Room 101 **8.20** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** Mock the Week **11.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.40** Room 101 **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.30** Russell Howard's Good News **3.00** The Money Pit **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Campion **3.00** Pie in the Sky **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **1.00** The Green Green Grass **2.00** The Turn of the Screw **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Road Wars **12.00** Futurama **1.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **1.30** Yonderland **2.00** Rugby's Funniest Moments **3.00** Live International Rugby Union. Barbarians v South Africa (kick-off 3.30pm). **5.25** Supergirl **6.25** The Flash **7.25** The Simpsons **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 **9.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **10.00** FILM: Final Destination 3 (2006) (15) Horror sequel, starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead. **11.50** Arrow **12.50** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **1.50** Mount Pleasant **2.50** A League of Their Own **3.50** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** The Petrol Age **8.00** Without a Trace **11.00** Making Attenborough's Galapagos **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.00** The Unknown Known **1.50** Ray Donovan **3.50** Entourage **4.20** The Guest Wing **5.10** The Petrol Age

W SKY: 109

6.00 DIY SOS **6.25** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.25** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **8.25** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** Supernanny **7.00** My Family **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.20** Luther **11.40** Secrets and Lies **1.40** Code Black **2.25** DIY SOS **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **7.25** Last of the Summer Wine **8.00** As Time Goes By **9.05** Lovejoy **12.35** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Bottom **11.00** Inside No 9 **1.40** Bellamy's People **2.20** The Thick of It **3.00** Stella Street **3.20** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football League Gold **6.15** Football Gold **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Sporting Triumphs **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Premier League Preview **12.00** Live EFL. Wolverhampton Wanderers v Derby County (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Bristol City v Brighton & Hove Albion (kick-off 5.30pm). **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights **1.30** EFL Goals **2.00** Premier League Highlights **4.00** EFL Goals **4.30** Premier League Highlights

Sunday November 6th

BBC1

Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need, **6pm**

9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.15 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.30 Points of View** (S) **1.45 FA Cup Final Score** (S) **4.15 Lifeline** (S) **4.25 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.55 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.00 Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need** (S)

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Another couple leave the competition. (S)

8.00 Planet Earth II New series. The wildlife of remote islands. (S)

9.00 Poldark George defends his territory, provoking an angry mob. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action. (S)

AFTER 12

12.00 Citizen Khan (S)(R) **12.30** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow, **9pm**

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **7.00 Glorious Gardens from Above** (S)(R) **7.45 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein** (S)(R) **8.15 Greatest Gardens** (S)(R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 The Good Cook** (S)(R) **1.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **2.30 Live Cycling** (S) **5.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights** (S)

7.00 Inside Obama's White House Exploring how Barack Obama got re-elected for a second term. Last in the series. (S)(R)

8.00 Coast: The Great Guide The team explore the Irish Sea shoreline. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow The team builds a wooden boat to traverse lakes and rivers. (S)

10.00 Mock the Week With Ed Byrne, Zoe Lyons, Milton Jones, Nish Kumar and Josh Widdicombe. (S) (R)
10.30 QI XL With guests Aisling Bea, Corey Taylor and Ross Noble. (S)

11.15 FILM Dead Poets Society (1989) (PG) Drama, with Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke. (S)

1.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.15** Holby City (S)(R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The X Factor, **8pm**

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! (R) **9.25 News** (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.30 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 News** (S) **12.40 All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) **1.25 The X Factor** (S)(R) **3.05 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **5.05 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **6.05 Regional News** (S) **6.15 News** (S) **6.30 Off Their Rockers** (S)

7.00 The Next Great Magician New series. The world's greatest magic acts perform. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show. (S)

9.00 Tutankhamun Carnarvon becomes terminally ill. Last in the series. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights Action from the opening round of pool fixtures. (S)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Humans, **9pm**

6.20 FILM Captain Ron (1992) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Kurt Russell and Martin Short. (S) **8.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With guests Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer. (S) **12.30 Simpsons Day: The Simpsons** (S)(R) **4.20 FILM The Princess Diaries (2001) (U)** Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Prince Philip: The Plot to Make a King The story of the future queen's romance with Prince Philip. (S)(R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales make a two-stage journey across Scotland. (S)

9.00 Humans Karen and Pete learn of a special synth being sold on the black market. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. (S)(R)

12.05 Jimmy Carr: Laughing & Joking (S)(R) **1.00** The Last Leg (S)(R) **1.55** The World's Weirdest Weather (S)(R) **2.50** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Naples (S)(R) **3.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.10** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R)

Channel 5

MTV European Music Awards 2016, **9pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.25 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **11.55 FILM The Christmas Shepherd (2014) (PG)** (S) **1.35 FILM Merry Kissmas! (2015) (PG)** (S) **3.25 FILM The Christmas Secret (2014) (PG)** (S) **5.05 FILM 2012 (2009) (12)** Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers Art Burke fights to keep his rig above ground on rapidly thawing ice. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 MTV European Music Awards 2016 Bebe Rexha hosts the awards ceremony from the Ahoy Rotterdam stage. (S)

11.20 Most Shocking Moments in Pop 2 Celebrating outrageous events from the world of pop music. (S)(R)

2.05 SuperCasino 4.00 Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.25** Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **11.00** The X Factor **12.40** The Hot Desk: Fleur East **12.50** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) **2.55** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) **4.45** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **6.50** FILM: Arthur (2011) (12) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: Arthur (2011) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.00** Prank Pad **12.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Hidden Treasure **8.20** Heartbeat **10.25** FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) **11.25** FYI Daily **11.30** FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) **12.25** Lewis **2.25** FILM: Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match (1973) (PG) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey. **4.00** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Housewife, 49 **9.00** The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song **10.35** Charles: The Destiny of a Prince **11.35** Inspector Morse **1.40** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) **3.20** May the Best House Win **5.00** On the Buses **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Canals - The Making of a Nation **7.30** Books That Made Britain **8.00** Perfect Pianists at the BBC **9.00** Storyville: Weiner - Sexts, Scandals and Politics **10.30** John Berger: The Art of Looking **11.25** Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution **12.25** Animal House: Natural World **1.25** Horizon: Are You Good or Evil? **2.25** Storyville: Weiner - Sexts, Scandals and Politics **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy **6.45** Melissa & Joey **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.35** The Goldbergs **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Made in Chelsea **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** FILM: Aliens in the Attic (2009) (PG) Children's sci-fi comedy, starring Carter Jenkins. **3.45** Rude(ish) Tube **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** FILM: Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **8.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Tattoo Fixers **10.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.05** Crazyhead **12.15** The Inbetweeners **1.25** Rude Tube **1.55** Body Fixers **2.50** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **3.40** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Grand Designs **10.00** Tiny House Nation **10.55** Homes by the Sea **12.00** Celebrity Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Home Front Heroes with Ian Lavender **10.00** Messages Home: Lost Films of the British Army **11.05** The Untold Battle of Britain **12.10** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **1.15** Home Front Heroes with Ian Lavender **2.20** Love Child **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Dancing at Lughnasa (1998) (PG) **1.00** The Spy Next Door (2010) (PG) **2.50** Hocus Pocus (1993) (PG) Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Bette Midler. **4.50** Brewster's Millions (1985) (PG) Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and John Candy. **6.55** The Adjustment Bureau (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Matt Damon and Emily Blunt. **9.00** Philadelphia (1993) (12) Oscar-winning drama, starring Tom Hanks. **11.30** Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **1.40** Bringing Down the House (2003) (12) **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.15 Rocket City Rednecks **7.40** Top Gear **11.20** Jay Leno's Garage **12.20** Celebrity Storage Hunters **1.20** Storage Hunters **2.20** American Pickers **5.20** Top Gear **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.25** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **3.10** Idris Elba - King of Speed **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **11.00** Northanger Abbey **1.00** Persuasion **3.00** Catherine Cookson's A Dinner of Herbs **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.50** The Great Train Robbery **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Drone Racing League **2.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** An Idiot Abroad 2 **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** Chris Ryan's Strike Back **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** The Petrol Age **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Making Attenborough's Galapagos **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** Divorce **10.45** The Young Pope **11.55** FILM: Game Change (2012) (12) Fact-based drama, starring Julianne Moore. **2.15** Ray Donovan **3.25** Entourage **4.00** The Guest Wing **5.00** The Petrol Age

W SKY: 109

6.15 Betty White's Off Their Rockers **6.35** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.30** Your Home in Their Hands **8.50** EastEnders **11.25** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **4.00** Doctor Who **7.00** My Family **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Rupert Everett **10.00** FILM: The American President (1995) (15) Political comedy, starring Michael Douglas. **12.20** Doctor Who **2.05** Grimm **2.40** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **7.25** As Time Goes By **8.30** Lovejoy **10.55** Only Fools and Horses **7.40** Marley's Ghosts **9.40** Bottom **11.00** FILM: MASH (1970) (15) Korean War comedy drama, starring Donald Sutherland. **1.25** House of Fools **2.05** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **2.35** Stella Street **3.00** The Armando Iannucci Shows **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Sunday Supplement **11.30** Goals on Sunday **1.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **4.15** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Leicester City v West Bromwich Albion (kick-off 4.30pm). **7.00** EFL Goals **7.30** Live La Liga Football. Sevilla v Barcelona (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Premier League Highlights **12.00** Goals on Sunday **1.00** Premier League Highlights **3.00** Goals on Sunday **4.00** Premier League Highlights

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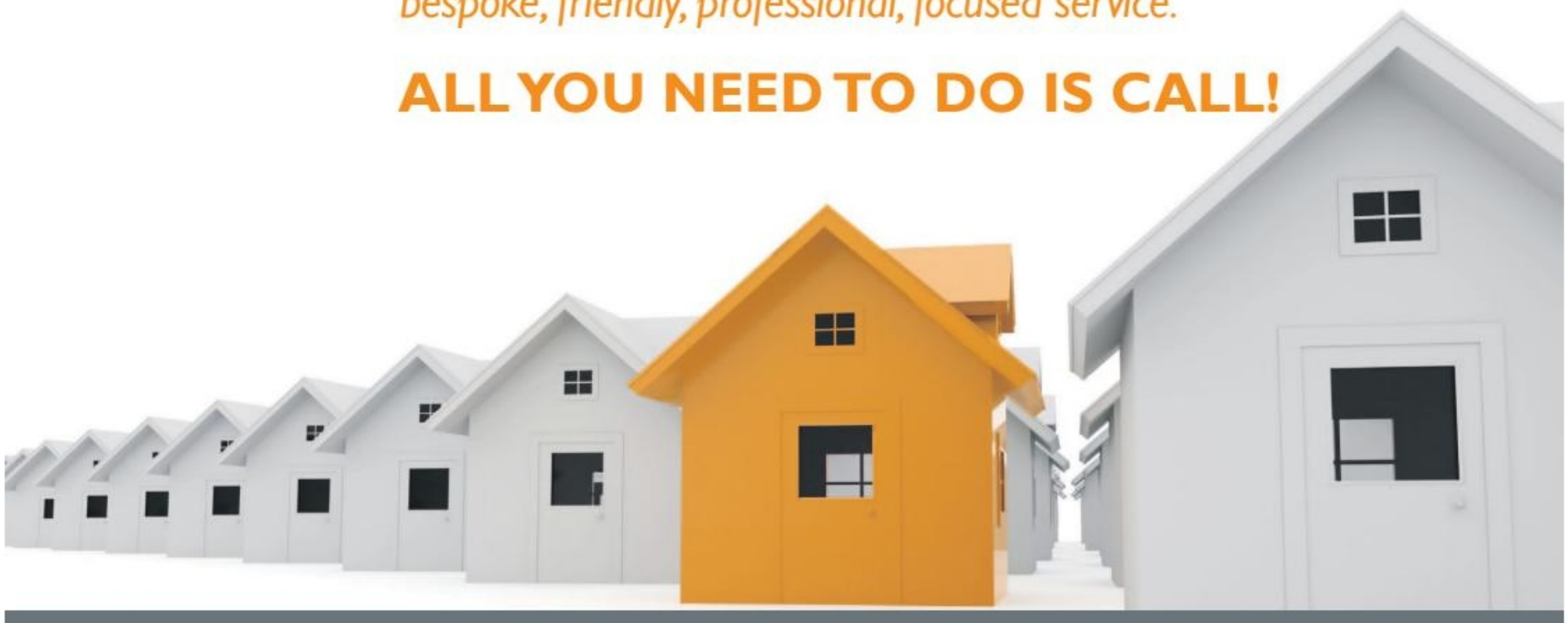

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Bailey Road, Cowley **£1675**
Iffley Road, Cowley **£1425**
Cardwell Crescent, Headington **£1300**

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Cowley Road, Cowley **£3600**
Valentia Road, Headington **£3150**
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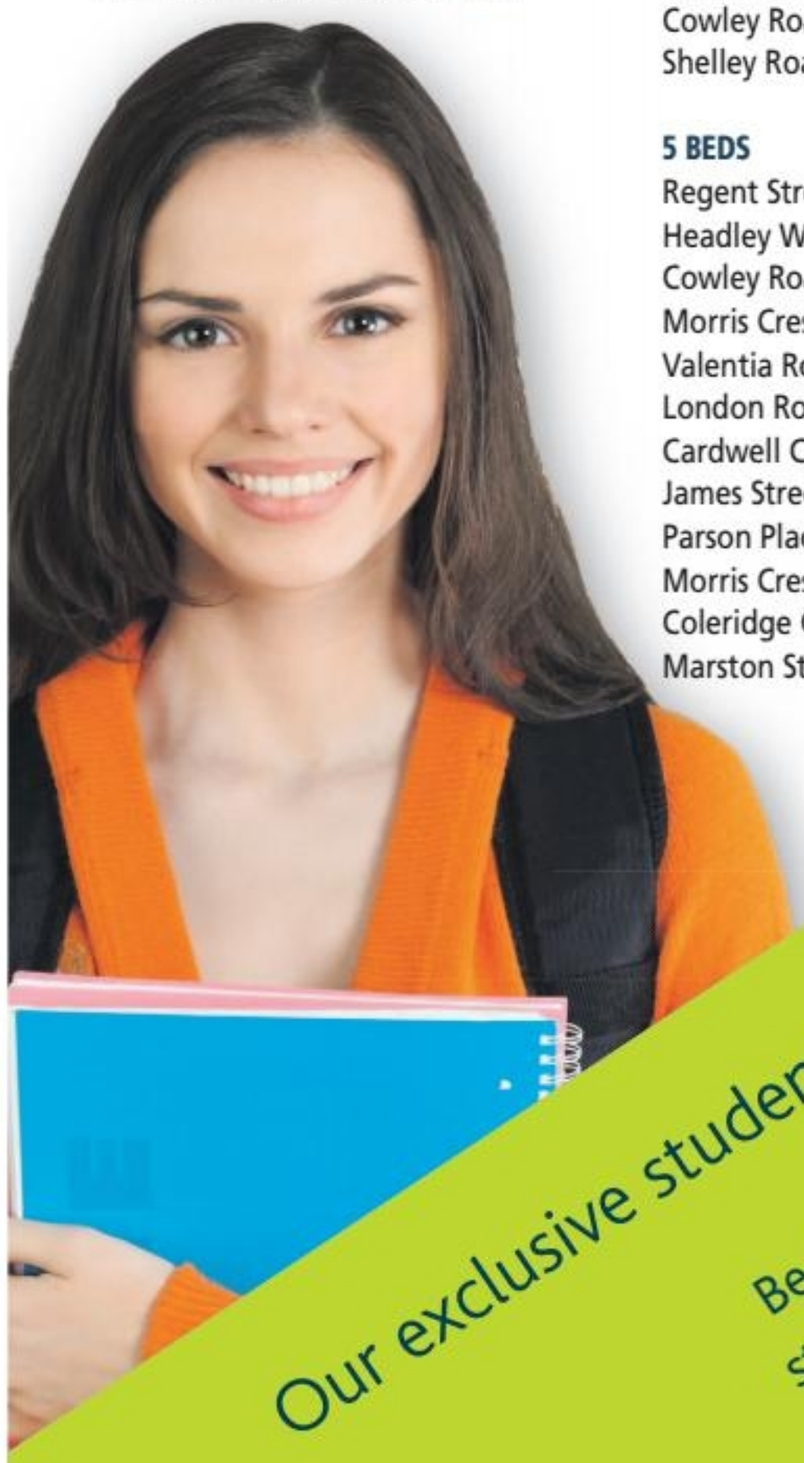

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Marina house can be bought or rented

An attractive and stylish semi-detached house with wonderful views across Abingdon Marina is available to rent or buy.

Offering a mooring, good access to Didcot Parkway, the A34, Oxford and the city's ring road, the four-bedroom home is for sale at £660,000 or can be rented for £2,100pcm.

The home's other accommodation includes three bathrooms, an open-plan kitchen/sitting room, a conservatory, a garage converted to storage and office space and parking space. Un/Part furnished

It is available to rent from December 12 on a unfurnished or part-furnished basis.

For further information about the property, or to arrange a viewing, contact Breckon & Breckon estate agent lettings on 01235 554040 or view the website: www.breckon.co.uk.

Oxford versus Cambridge for property investors

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and Managing Director of Martin and Co, Oxford

Because of their international reputations for academic excellence and rivalry, Oxford and Cambridge are often compared to each other. With Oxford recently confirmed as the top university in UK and global rankings, the city currently has the bragging rights, but does that hold true for property investors?

Most property investors invest close to where they live or in a single geographical location that they feel they know well. Investors become loyal to an area, particularly where their investments have experienced a period of strong performance. In any area there is an ebb and flow of investment returns, and property investment rewards long-term investment. As property prices and rental values rise over time, rental yields improve, progressively supplementing capital growth to drive up returns. With the new stamp duty supplement on second homes and next year's changes to the tax treatment of mortgage interest payments, the costs of new investments are higher for landlords and should be taken account of when forecasting investment returns. These changes look most likely to dissuade speculative investors. Professional investors will forecast returns over five and 10 years and will compare those returns to alternative investments available to them. But should they also consider widening their investment geographically and broadening the type of property in which they invest?

At face value, Oxford and Cambridge are comparable property markets. Over all OX (Oxford) post codes the average earnings of people is £22,987 versus £21,731 over all CB (Cambridge) post codes. Across the same post codes, the average property value in OX post codes is £385,300 and, in CB post codes, £369,500. So on face-value bragging rights remain with Oxford! Or do they? A key measure of a property market is the price-to-earnings ratio – for owner occupiers, the lower the ratio the more affordable the market is. For an investor landlord, markets are often more attractive where the ratio is high. That's because fewer residents can afford to buy a property, increasing demand for private rented homes. At the aggregate level, Cambridge has a price-to-earnings ratio of 17 with Oxford at 16.8. So virtually identical, right?

I thought I'd dig a little deeper and narrow the comparison to the central post codes for each city as it is those post codes that most interest buy-to-let investors and where demand is strongest. Here the picture diverges. In Cambridge, the average earnings in the central post codes is £30,906, compared to Oxford at £20,076. That's 52% higher average earnings in Cambridge. The average property price in Cambridge is £488,520 versus Oxford at £453,560. That's just 8% difference. So the difference in the price-to-earnings ratio is substantial with Cambridge being 16.0 v Oxford at 22.6. This identifies a stark difference in the affordability of property between the cities and goes some way to explaining the continued attractiveness of Oxford to investor landlords.

Over recent years, Cambridge has offered investors a superior return on investment. As I wrote recently, the latest LendInvest survey shows that Cambridge has offered substantial increases in the capital value of properties over the last six years (9% versus 5.8% for Oxford), mirroring the increases that Oxford experienced between 2008 and 2014. Oxford has continued to offer the better rental yield (5.5% v 5.1% for Cambridge), but, overall, Cambridge has offered the better short-term returns - 14.1% return on investment versus 11.3% for Oxford. However, the affordability 'gap' in Oxford points to a better more stable long-term investment proposition.

Increasingly, I am being asked by my landlord clients to advise them on how they should alter their portfolio to optimise their medium- and long-term returns in Oxford.

The best portfolios give exposure to the breadth of Oxford demand, including the student market and the growing number of young professionals who want to live and work in the city. I then work with these clients to assist them to source new properties and divest property as necessary to re-shape their portfolio. This demonstrates the need for professional investors to properly plan their portfolio and accurately forecast investment returns.

For more commentary on the local property market, visit www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk

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At this time of year predictions start to consider the year ahead. Operating in the property sector, this is no less the case and we're often asked what the coming year holds for the sales or rental markets.

But we're not going to pretend we know how the market will fare. We don't have a crystal ball and there's always anomalies that can temporarily knock things off course. Indeed, in the last 18 months, there's been a series of 'uncertainties' that included a General Election; the introduction of stamp duty on second properties; the continuation of historically low interest rates and then, of course, the big Brexit surprise.

Throughout all these events, however, there remains one certainty - people will continue to move house and serious investors will continue to invest. Our job as property experts, therefore, remains to match people and property.

Nowadays, you're likely to engage with the property market in different ways. You may choose to deal with agents in high-street branches, prefer an on-line only experience or possibly the growing middle ground that mixes both the online and branch experience.

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Winter can be good time for home sales

Despite spring and summer remaining the busiest times for the property market, contrary to popular belief there are actually many good reasons to sell a home in the winter months.

Kevin Shaw, national sales director at property specialist Leaders, said: "Winter may typically be cold and dark, but the property market at this time of the year is remarkably bright.

"A good number of property sales are arranged and completed during the period between November and February and the market is certainly becoming less seasonal with every passing year."

Kevin has identified three reasons to support putting your property on the market at this time of year:

• Winter tends to attract only determined buyers. Whereas those who are uncertain about buying may choose to look around properties in the warmer months, only committed movers do so in winter. This means you can be confident viewers are serious and have the ability to make an offer.

• Major property portals such as Rightmove and Zoopla are incredibly busy over the Christmas and New Year period. People who get their property on the market in November and December are in pole position when it comes to taking advantage of this spike in activity.

• Winter typically sees fewer properties on the market than spring and summer, but with serious buyers still searching it can actually be easier to agree a sale as there is less competition from rival sellers.

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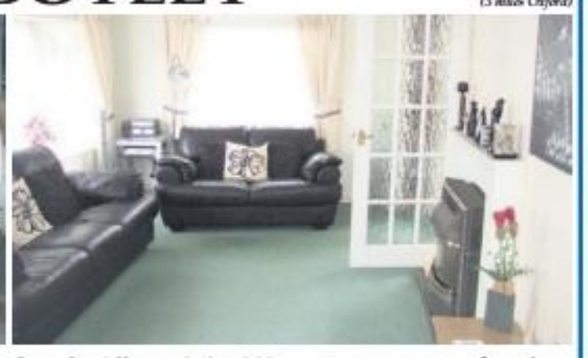
TUDOR COURT BOTLEY £149,950
(3 miles Oxford)



A well presented and much improved mid-1980s Stately Albion 36' x 20' twin unit on sought-after private park. Porch, hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms, shower room, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows, Decra style roof, gardens, detached garage

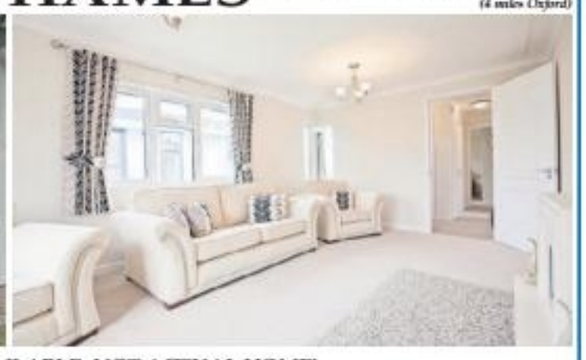
WARDS PARK, OLD MARSTON £139,995
(2.5 miles north Oxford centre)

A well presented mid 1980s Tingdene 36' x 20' twin unit situated on popular private park within the ring road. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms (currently used as 1), shower room, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazing, Decra style roof, low maintenance gardens, on site car parking space

WESTFIELD CLOSE, GROVE £129,950
(2 miles Wantage, 12 miles Oxford)

A well presented 1987 Omar Colorado 36' x 20' twin unit on established private park. Entrance lobby, dining hall, inner hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazing, textured walls, brick built skirt, Decra style roof, gardens, detached garage with own driveway and additional parking area

SANDFORD ON THAMES £189,950
(4 miles Oxford)



N.B: EXAMPLE OF STYLE AVAILABLE, NOT ACTUAL HOME!
A brand new Stately Albion Tredegar 36' x 20' twin unit on well-located popular park. Porch, hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom, UPVC double glazing, LPG gas radiator central heating, Decra style roof, textured walls, brick built skirt and steps, gardens, on-site car parking space

BICESTER PARK HOME ESTATE GP £170,000
(10 miles Oxford)

NB: EXAMPLE OF STYLE AVAILABLE, NOT ACTUAL HOME
A brand new Prestige Sonata II 38' x 20' twin unit to be sited end 2016 on recently established park home site. Hall, lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen with vaulted ceiling, 2 good bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room and walk-in wardrobe), bathroom, furnishings, carpets, curtains, blinds, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC Georgian style double glazed windows and doors, maintenance-free white UPVC fascias, barge-boards and soffits, textured walls, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, garden with on-site car parking space

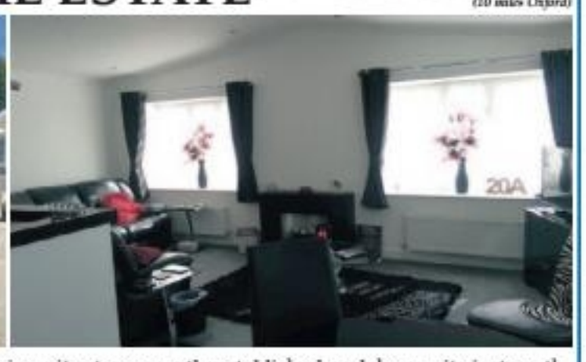
ST MARY'S COURT, BAMPTON G.P £175k - £200k
(12 miles south west Oxford)

EXAMPLE OF STYLE AVAILABLE, NOT ACTUAL HOME
Brand New Prestige Sonata either 38' x 20' or 38' x 20' with up to 10' x 17' extension or 45' x 19' twin unit (alternative model considered) to be sited on popular private park, backing onto farmland. Hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, (utility room/study in larger units), 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, gardens, on-site car parking

THAMESIDE COURT, BABLOCKHYTHE £129,950
(5 miles Witney, 10 miles Oxford)

A late 1980s Tingdene 40' x 20' twin unit on good sized pitch with 75' approximate stream frontage to rear. Porch, hall, lounge, conservatory, dining area, kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, LPG gas central heating, UPVC double glazed replacement windows, Decra style roof, reconstituted stone skirt, on site car parking space, good sized pitch approximately 75' x 60' overall

BICESTER PARK HOME ESTATE £199,950
(10 miles Oxford)



A superbly presented 2014 Homeseeker Special 40' x 20' twin unit set on recently established park home site just south of Bicester town centre. Porch, hall, cloakroom, open-plan 20' x 17'9 maximum L-shaped lounge/dining room, superbly fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), LPG gas radiator central heating, Georgian style double glazed windows and doors, maintenance-free UPVC white fascias, barge-boards and soffits, textured walls, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, low maintenance gardens with on-site car parking space

POPLARS PARK, LONG WITTENHAM £159,950
(4 miles Abingdon, 4 miles Didcot)

A superbly presented 1998 Tingdene Hayden Classic 28' x 20' twin unit with 10' x 8' extension set in secluded gardens with views over farmland. Porch, inner hall, 20' lounge/diner, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows, Decra style roof, secluded gardens, allocated car space nearby

WESTFIELD CLOSE, GROVE £78,500
£2 miles Wantage, 12 miles Oxford)

A mid 1980's Tingdene Mackworth 41' x 12' single unit set on good corner plot on established private park. Hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, shower room, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows, Decra style roof, textured walls, brick built skirt, gardens with scope to form on-site car parking space, communal car parking nearby

KINGS COPSE PARK, GARSINGTON £39,950

A much improved circa 1980 Omar Oulton single unit on established private park. Open-plan lounge/kitchen, hall, bedroom, bathroom, gas radiator central heating via Heatline combi-boiler, UPVC double glazing, textured walls, Decra style roof, gardens, on-site car parking space

The Lord is my light and my salvation;whom shall I fear?The Lord is my strength

(Psalms 27:1)

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Abingdon **OIEO £230,000**

This fantastic top floor apartment offers hallway, lounge / diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom, double bedroom with separate bathroom.

Drayton **OIEO £350,000**

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Abingdon **OIEO £400,000**

**OPEN DAY - 29TH OCTOBER ** A superbly presented 4 bedroom detached family home located in North Abingdon on the popular Peachcroft developement, close to excellent schools with good access to nearby amenities. The accommodation includes front and rear gardens with driveway parking for several cars.

Abingdon **£160,000**

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Sutton Courtenay **£220,000**

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Sutton Courtenay **£200,000**

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Abingdon **£250,000**

This spacious two bedroom house is less than a mile from Abingdon town centre with excellent bus links to Oxford, Didcot and Milton Park. Features include: driveway parking and an enclosed rear garden with access. A superb home in an excellent location.

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Oak Lane £255,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

Located in the highly popular village of Ambrosden is this well presented home. Offering generous accommodation throughout, including; two double bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, double aspect living room and a fantastic kitchen diner. The property is offered to the market with no onward chain.

Parkland Place £250,000

SUPERB INVESTMENT

This well presented 2 bedroom property is situated in the prestigious Parklands development which is within walking distance for the town centre and Bicester Village Station which provides a service to Oxford and London.

The Wayfarings £435,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offered to the market with no above chain is this 4 bedroom detached property located in sought after Southwold development, Bicester.

Launton £535,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

This extended home sits at the bottom of a cul de sac and enjoys stunning views over open fields. The property is well presented throughout and finished to a high standard.

Buckingham Road £420,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

THIS STUNNING, UNIQUE DETACHED HOME LOCATED WITHIN 0.25 MILES OF BICESTER NORTH STATION. SET IN A GENEROUS PLOT WITH PRIVATE REAR GARDEN.

Dove Green £345,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

A three double bedroom detached property with two reception rooms, two bathrooms, garage and gardens with no above chain

Barry Avenue £330,000

CORNER PLOT

Situated on a CORNER PLOT is this SPACIOUS home which offers THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, a DOUBLE GARAGE and the POTENTIAL TO EXTEND.

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TINGEWICK **From £639,995**

PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

The Ascot is a five bedroom house with an open plan kitchen with family area including integrated appliances and bi-fold doors to the rear garden. Upstairs features dressing rooms and en suites to two bedrooms. All set within the historic village of Tingewick, surrounded by farm and pastureland,

AMBROSDEN **£595,000**

DOUBLE GARAGE & ANNEXE

The Baroque is one of the signature homes of the development, with four double bedrooms, three reception rooms, and a superb kitchen diner. One of the key features is the double garage with studio room over, making an ideal home office or guest room.

Upper Heyford **£549,995**

MOVE IN FOR CHRISTMAS

The Truro is a five bedroom house with a superb open plan fitted kitchen and family area including integrated appliances, sitting room featuring french doors to the rear garden, useful utility room and en suites to bedrooms one and two

KINGSMERE **FROM £457,995**

POPULAR DESIGN

The Canterbury is a four bedroom detached home, It has an open plan fitted kitchen and dining area including integrated appliances, French doors, Downstairs cloakroom and study. Upstairs benefits from an en suite and built-in wardrobes to bedroom one

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The Ashford is a well appointed family home offering two generous reception rooms, a stunning kitchen breakfast room and the added benefit of a double garage. All within this highly popular village with ideal links to OXFORD & BICESTER.

TINGEWICK **£339,995**

MOVE IN FOR CHRISTMAS

The Epsom is a three bedroom detached home with a kitchen including an oven and integrated appliances and an open plan sitting room and dining room with french doors. Upstairs benefits from an en suite and built-in wardrobes to bedroom one.

AMBROSDEN **£330,000**

HELP TO BUY AVAILABLE

A TRULY SPACIOUS three bedroom home, offering stylish accommodation over 2 floors along with a drive way and garage. With three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, cloak room and kitchen diner to rear. HELP TO BUY AVAILABLE

KINGSMERE **£315,995**

LAST ONE AVAILABLE

The Southwold is a three bedroom house with an open plan fitted kitchen including integrated appliances, It features a sitting room and dining area with french doors to the rear garden, En suite and built-in wardrobe to bedroom one

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*Dual aspect living room, spacious kitchen/dining room/family room
*Help To Buy Available
*Stamp Duty Paid on Selected Plots
*Part Exchange & Assisted Move Scheme Available

Middleton Cheney £565,000

*Five Double Bedrooms
*Two Ensuites *Dressing Room to Master Bedroom
*Playroom
*Help To Buy Available
*Stamp Duty Paid on Selected Plots
*Part Exchange & Assisted Move Scheme Available

Middleton Cheney £490,000

*Five Double Bedrooms
*Two Bathrooms and Ensuite
*Kitchen with Separate Dining Room
*Help To Buy Available
*Stamp Duty Paid on Selected Plots
*Part Exchange & Assisted Move Scheme Available

Banbury £285,000

*EPC D
*Four Bedrooms
*Semi Detached
*Garage
*Rear Garden

Banbury £200,000

*EPC C
*Three Bedrooms
*Mid Terraced
*Off Street Parking
*Front & Rear Garden

Kings Sutton £500,000

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*Detached House
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*Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
*Conservatory
*Village Location

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Membris Way OIEO £175,000

EPC Rating: D
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Queen Emmas Dyke £375,000

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Mill Street £325,000

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Madley Park £325,000

A very well presented three bedroom semi-detached home. Located on the sought after development of Madley Park, this well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. EPC Rating B.

Stenter Mews £320,000

This well presented presented end of terraced property boasts a private rear garden, garage and 3 bedrooms. Internally the property offers a living/dining room, spacious kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms with an en-suite to the master bedroom and a family bathroom. Outside the property has a private rear garden and a garage. EPC Rating: C

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EPC Rating: E

Greater Leys — Shared Ownership £41,250

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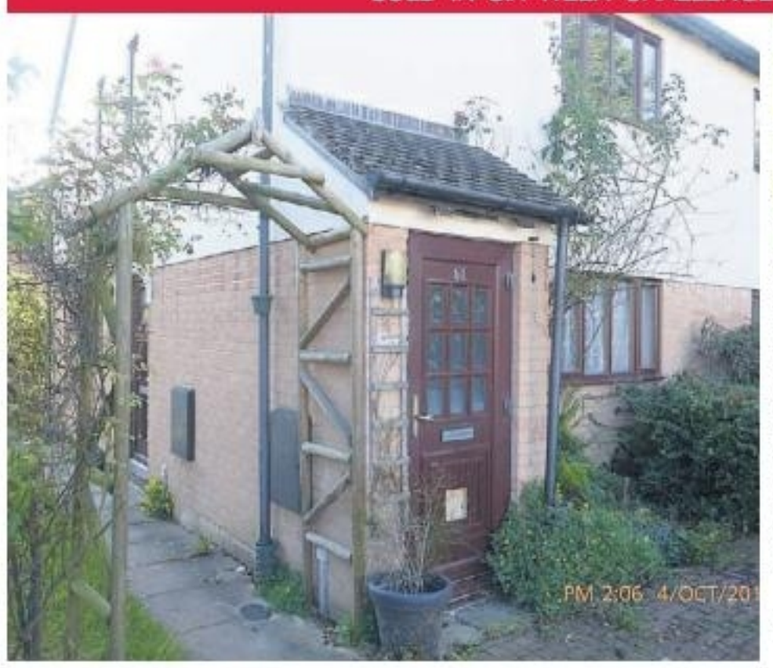

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SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

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EPC Rating: D

Florence Park — Offers in Excess £400,000

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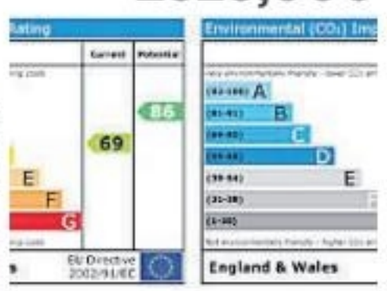
EPC Rating: D

Blackbird Leys — £275,000

Well-presented family home benefiting from light refurbishment and spacious accommodation, three bedrooms
large rear garden with double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul-de-sac in Blackbird Leys with good access to amenities and bus service.

EPC Rating: E

Littlemore — £325,000



Extended and refurbished home offered with no onward chain, ideal for a mature family or investors alike. The property has been designed to offer an adaptable living arrangement, open plan lounge kitchen and diner, study/bedroom four, utility room & WC. Three double bedrooms with en-suite to master.
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HEADINGTON

Headington **£500,000**

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Headington **£350,000**

Three bed semi detached family home with great transport links and proximity to Churchill hospital . With extension and off road parking this property would be ideal for investors and families

Headington **£475,000**

Offered with no onward chain, this property is located on a large corner plot providing ample space for extension (subject to planning). Easy access to the John Radcliffe Hospital and A/M40 makes this an ideal family home or investment opportunity.

Headington **£250,000**

A well presented home within the ring road which gives you great links to the Churchill and Nuffield hospitals. Ideal opportunity for either a first time buyer or a buy to let investor.

Yarnton **OIE £375,000**

Three bedroom semi detached house in the popular village of Yarnton with a garage and off street parking. The enclosed rear garden is laid to lawn with a brick paved patio. This property has potential to be extended (subject to planning)

Headington **£380,000**

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Headington **£250,000**

No onward chain. With good access to the A/M40 and excellent transport links to Oxford city centre, Brookes University and Headington hospitals. This property is in need of refurbishment would make an ideal project for a first time buyer or investment opportunity.

Oxford **£475,000**

Located in Oxford's 'Golden Triangle' this property offers spacious accommodation over two levels with off road parking. This location offers easy access to the bustling Cowley Road and St Clements shops, bars, restaurants and local amenities. Would be ideal for families or investors.

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Chinnor £550,000

Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of this popular local village, this lovely home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout and as such viewing is highly recommended to the discerning home buyer.

Thame £490,000

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Thame £375,000

A lovely and well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property located just a short distance from the historical market town centre of Thame. The property, which has been subject to a rear extension and a garage conversion gives the prospective buyer plenty of space with a bright and airy feel with neutral, well presented decor.

Brill £280,000

A lovely, picturesque two bedroom property located in the sought after village of Brill. Viewing is highly advised. This home, which offers tidy and well maintained accommodation throughout includes a ground floor living room, dining room and kitchen whilst the first floor has a master bedroom, second double bedroom and bathroom.

Chearsley £375000

A mature two bedroom detached bungalow with good size rear garden and off street parking that is in need of modernisation and upgrading. The property is located on the edge of this very popular local village that provides good access to the nearby market town of Thame and the Haddenham mainline railway station. No onward chain.

Chalgrove £425,000

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home on the outskirts of this thriving Oxfordshire village. Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of the village, this lovely family home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout.

Chinnor £600,000

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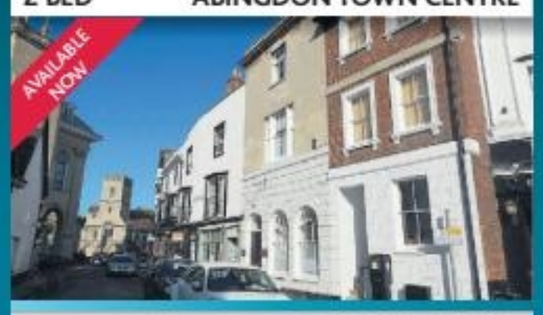

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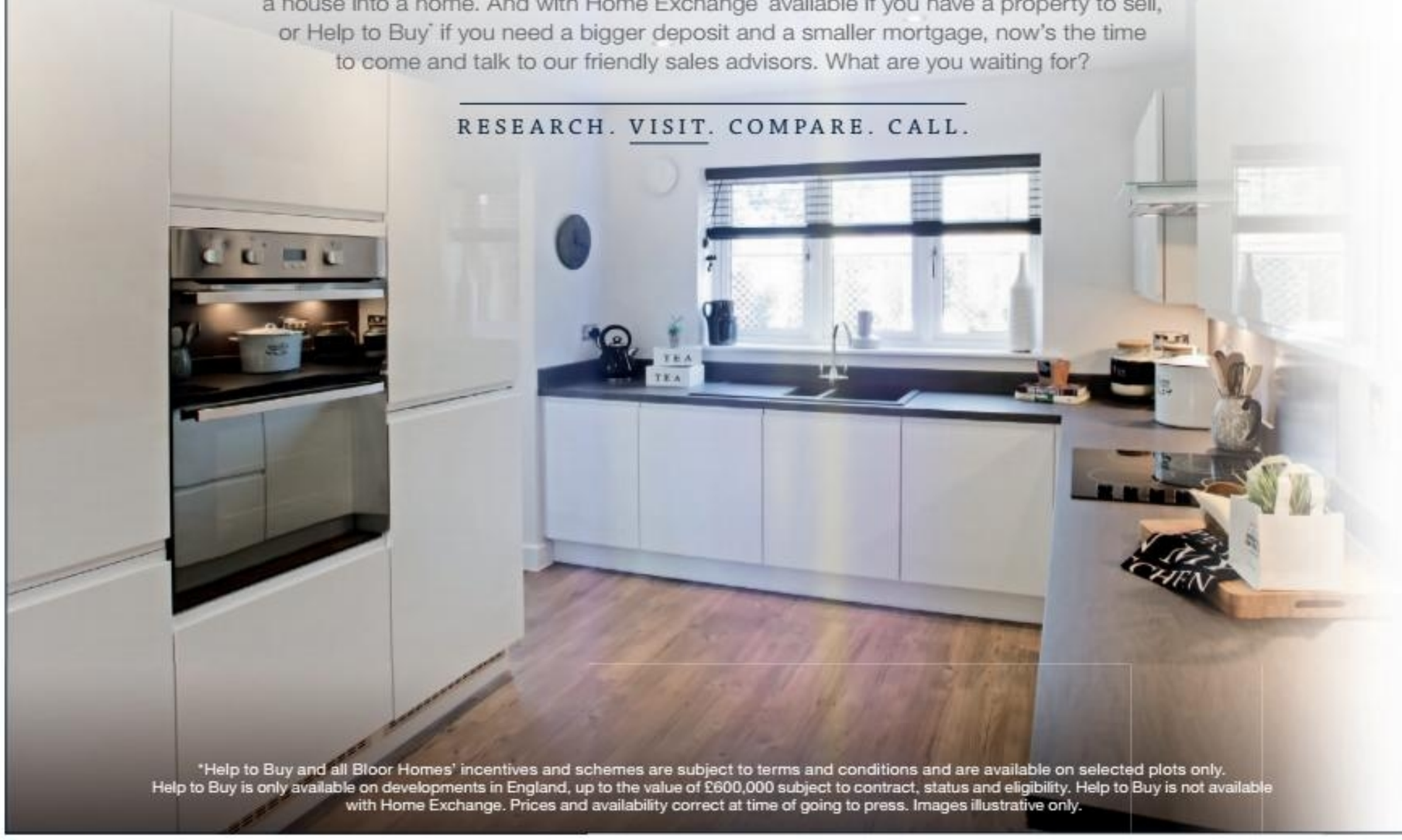

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

A story about redemption

By James Richings

MULTI-AWARD winning film, 'The Shawshank Redemption' comes to the stage at the New Theatre in Oxford from Monday, November 7 to Saturday, November 12.

Starring Paul Nicholls, Jack Ellis and Ben Onwukwe, the multi-Oscar award nominated tale looks at banker Andy Durfresne who is convicted of murdering his wife and her lover – something he has always denied.

He is sentenced to two consecutive life sentences at the Shawshank State Penitentiary in 1947, and whilst in prison, is befriended by contraband smuggler, Ellis "Red" Redding, an inmate who is also serving a life sentence for murdering his wife, a child and neighbour.

The movie looks at how Andy adapts to prison life as he helps fellow inmates.

The 1994 film, which starred Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton, James Whitmore and Gil Bellows became an instant hit with movie goers, with it's touching yet gripping storyline capturing the hearts of millions of people around the globe – with the movie now being regarded as one the greatest flicks of all time.

So for Paul Nicholls, who portrays Andy on stage, the chance to play one of cinema's most recognizable characters was too good to turn down.

"There are a lot of layers to Andy and the thing we have in common is that we are both fighters in our own way and we both refuse to give up – I can also kind of identify with the fact that you can't be open with everybody," he said.

"There's a certain element of him having to keep emotions out of relationships within the prison, which I kind of understand, not that I've been in prison, but for me he's almost superhuman.

"He does crack at some point but he always manages to think clearly under pressure and he's very intelligent and highly educated.

"I'm not highly educated, I'm kind of self-taught in a way in various subjects and I never did A-levels.

"So immediately, the fear was 'I'm not clever or intelligent enough to play this part', then you realise that's not true and you don't have to have a degree and a Masters and a PhD to play the part.

"You just have to say the lines."

The film and stage versions of the story are adaptions of the 1982 Stephen King novel 'Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption', which was published in 1982.

Since then, the story on screen and on stage has been shown all over the world.

"I'm really looking forward to being in Oxford," Paul said.

"I've never been but I've always wanted to study – although certain things have arisen in my life that prevented it happening.

"But this play has ignited in me a real thirst for knowledge so I'm looking forward to being around academics and I've heard it's a beautiful place as well.

Tickets for the six day run cost from £15 to £39.40.

• *Paul Nicholls*

R'n'B at the O2

LIVE MUSIC: Pop and R 'n' B singer songwriter Andrew Roachford will be performing at the O2 Academy in Oxford on Friday, November 11.

The 51-year-old arrives at the Cowley Road venue to showcase tracks off his 11 studio albums.

Tickets cost £18 and the doors open at 6.30pm.

Take to the mic

VARIETY: The Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot's monthly open mic night will return to the Station Road venue on Tuesday, November 8.

The night will feature a number of local comedians, musicians, poets, singer songwriters and many more all showing off their talents in front of an appreciative audience at the town centre venue.

It is free and starts at 7.30pm.

Yes, they're a tribute

LIVE MUSIC: Yes tribute group Yes Please! will be heading to The Mill Arts Centre on Saturday, November 12.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Tales from behind the mic

By James Richings

EXPECT a night of reminiscing with two good friends when Peter Baxter and Henry Blofeld arrive at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Wednesday, November 9.

Best known for their cricket commentary, the two friends have been hitting the heights of the entertainment world in recent months, touring the country with their tour 'Rogues on the Road: Blofeld & Baxter'.

The show premiered at last year's Edinburgh Fringe to rave reviews, and their stop in Banbury on Wednesday being the second show of the month.

"The audience can expect a lot of laughs, I hope!" Peter told the Guardian.

"The show is broadly based on our experiences on tour round the world covering cricket over the last half-century. That's given us a fund of stories to call on.

"The anecdotes are about things that happen off the field, rather than on it, so no knowledge of – or love for – cricket is required.

"There is plenty on travel, peeks inside the commentary boxes of the world, and India and Australia, where we've both spent quite a bit of time, feature prominently."

The cricketing couple are hoping to strike a few chords with their audience, and Peter thinks there is a certain demographic who might be interested in the show.

When talking about their success at last year's Fringe, Peter said: "A lot of the audience were Test Match Special fans who were pleased and surprised to find we were there.

"Others were curious and found that we gave them a good laugh.

"We're a bit hard to categorise, because they put us down as 'spoken word', which is fair, but we make sure we have an advert amongst the comedy shows in the brochure."

He added: "I suppose we start with a core support of Test Match Special fans, just because they're the ones who have heard of us.

"But I've noticed our audiences cover all ages and types.

"The most gratifying – and it happens after every show – is the wife or girlfriend who comes up and says, 'I didn't know what to expect and I didn't really want to come, but I've really enjoyed it'.

"We've had the same reaction on a couple of occasions from Americans."

Tickets cost £20, and the show starts at 7.30pm.

• *Peter Baxter (left) and Henry Blofeld (Picture by Steve Ullathorne)*

Real hustlers

LIVE MUSIC: High Wycombe based band Hustler will be performing at O'Neill's on George Street, Oxford next Friday, November 11.

The five-piece group from Buckinghamshire have been regulars at the bar for a number of years, and will play tunes from the likes of The Killers, Taylor Swift, U2, Daft Punk, Lenny Kravitz, Bruno Mars and many more.

The free gig will start at 10pm and is set to finish around midnight.

Follow the Trolls

MOVIE: The latest Dreamworks family fun flick, 'Trolls', will be screened at the Wallingford Corn Exchange this Saturday, November 12.

The film, which has an ensemble cast featuring the vocal talents of Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, James Corden, Russell Brand, Zooey Deschanel, John Cleese and Gwen Stefani, looks at how the trolls live in a perpetual state of bliss, until a group of large creatures come along and want to ruin their happiness.

The movie at the Market Place Theatre starts at 10.30am and tickets cost £7.

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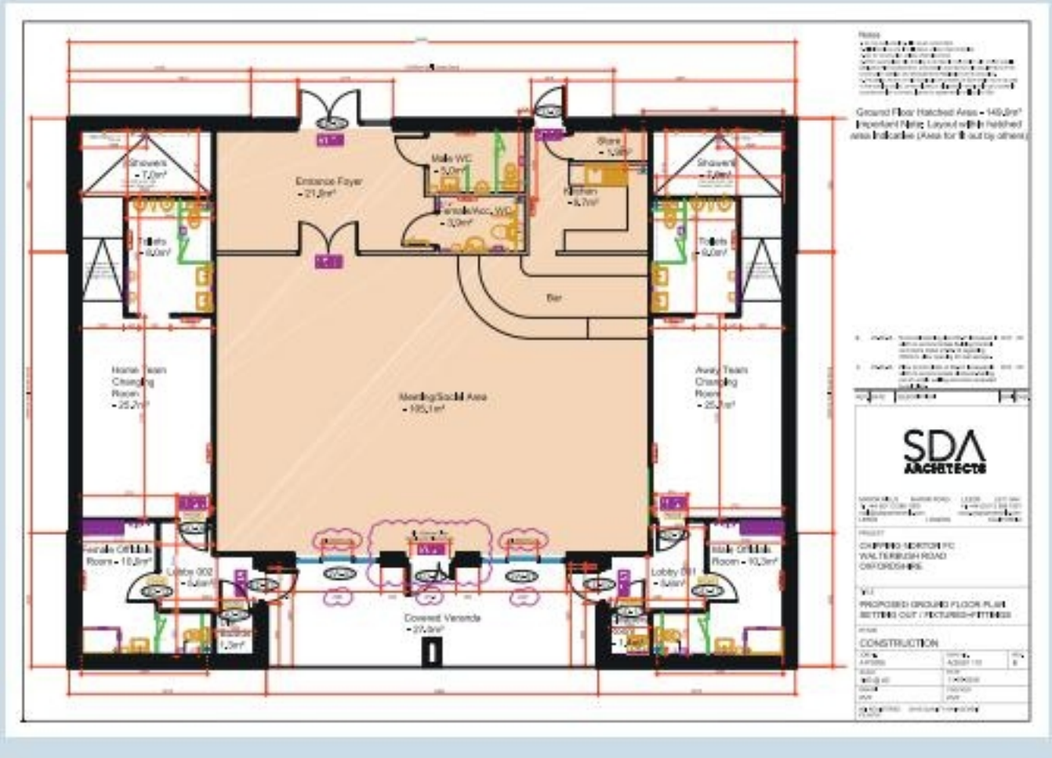

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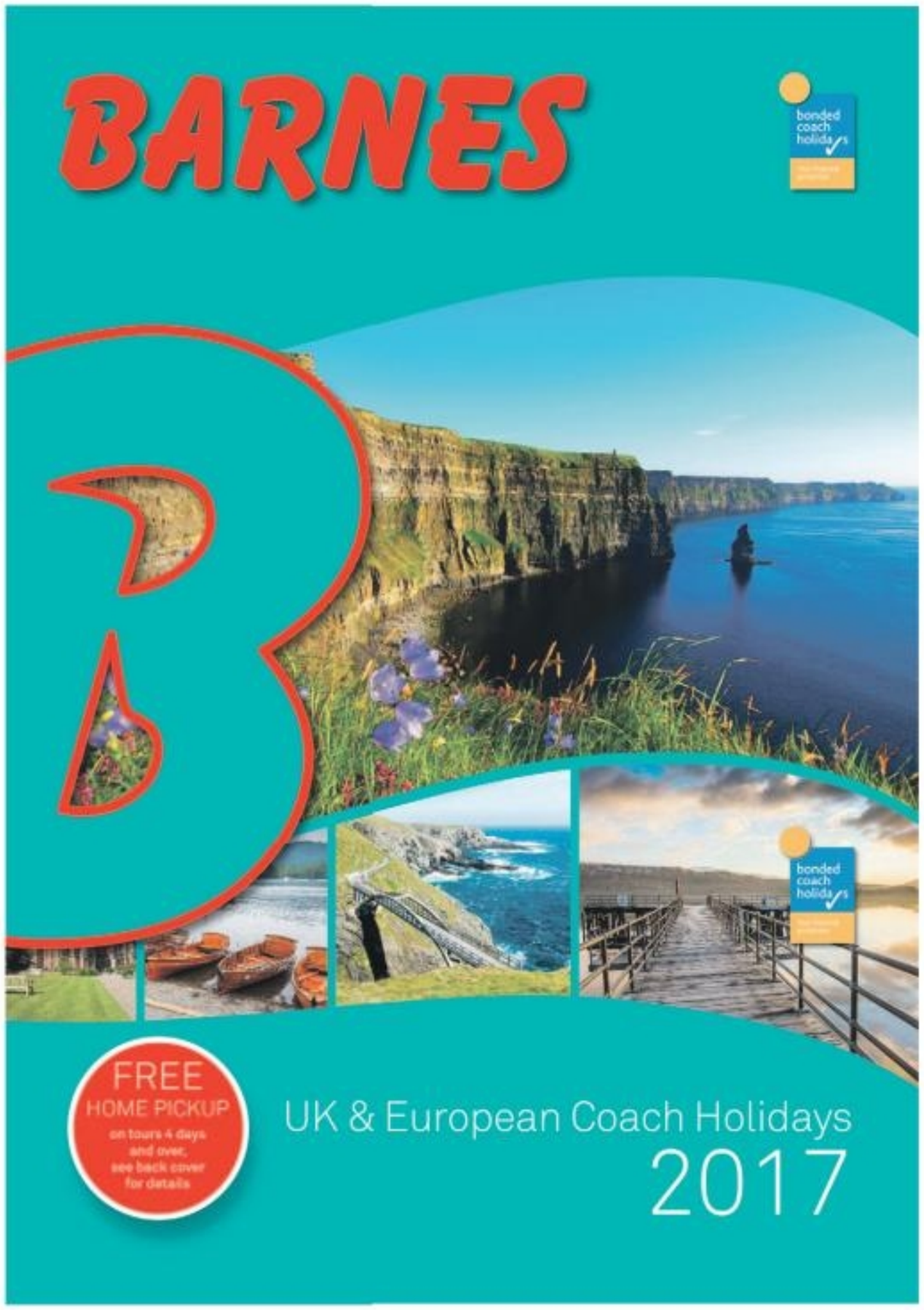

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Rich pickings for Hall's show

By James Richings

YOU know you have left a lasting impression on someone when they honour you in an obscure way.

Take comedian and singer Rich Hall for example.

Prior to crossing the pond 25 years ago to entertain the British people following success in his homeland, Rich was a popular comic after becoming a household name when he appeared on 'Saturday Night Live.'

But few people will know that when he encountered 'The Simpsons' creator Matt Groening through one of the shows writers and producers George Meyer many years ago, Groening instantly had a vision.

The comic struck a chord with Groening, with Hall being the main inspiration behind the show's aggressive and miserable bartender Moe Szyslak.

And the 62-year-old hopes the anecdotes about his life will entertain the British public as he prepares to come to the Oxford Playhouse on Saturday, November 12.

"If you told me I would have to listen to anyone – apart from Richard Pryor – on stage for two hours, I'd think, 'Oh God'.

"So it's good to break up the show with musical interludes," he said.

"You can't go to a sports event without someone tweeting about it every five seconds.

"People don't even listen to President Obama speaking without looking at their phones all the time.

"So maybe those two hours when I'm up there on stage might provide a respite from all of us slowly turning into gadget-pedalling robots."

After moving from the Deep South to the UK, Rich has become a popular face on the UK comedy circuit, after appearing on shows including 'Have I Got News For You', 'Mock the Week' and 'Room 101'.

"People here find it refreshing that I'm very detached from America," he said. "I'm not waving a flag or pretending that I'm hipper than you because I happen to be from the US. You get that a lot from American comedians."

He added: "Brits like to insult you. Sometimes they come to the stage door after the show and say, 'we really prefer Lee Mack'.

"They don't even say 'we really enjoyed your show – you're our second favourite behind Lee Mack!' but I know the subtext – they must quite like me if they have waited in line to insult me."

The show begins at 7.45pm and tickets cost £17.

• Rich Hall

Tale of prison life

THEATRE: A production about prison life through the eyes of women will be performed at the Old Fire Station in Oxford this evening, Thursday, November 3.

Put on by the Open Clasp Theatre Company, 'Key Change' looks at the life of female prisoners, with the play being performed by convicts who are currently serving time at HM Prison Low Newton in County Durham.

Tickets cost £12 or £10 for concessions with the George Street production starting at 7.30pm.

Crusoe cruises in – oh yes he does...

PANTOMIME: It may only be November, but Chipping Norton will be getting into the festive spirit when their pantomime comes to the town on from Tuesday, November 15 to Sunday, January 8.

'Robinson Crusoe' arrives at the Spring Street theatre this year, which will see the main character armed only with a treasure map, his mum, and the ship-shape crew of the Saucy Nancy go through a crazy journey to find the hidden treasure.

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Fri, Nov 11, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA
Enjoy beautifully arranged songs from Irving Berlin, Ray Noble, Cole

Porter and their contemporaries, and re-live the electrifying hot jazz from Fletcher Henderson and Duke Ellington.

Sat, Nov 12, 7.30pm
Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon
PALMERSTON
Palmerston are returning to The Unicorn Theatre to celebrate their five-year anniversary.

Sat, Nov 12, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
RICH HALL
Rich Hall's critically acclaimed grouchy, deadpan style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and the king of rapid-fire wit. The award-winning Montana native is renowned for his carefully crafted tirades, expert banter and delightful musical sequences. And now he's saddling-up and taking his wagon to tour the UK once again.
The Perrier Award-winner has been described as a transatlantic messenger, lampooning each country he visits with his common sense. He leaves his audience hanging on every word, and has won fans from all over the globe.

Sat, Nov 12, 7.30pm
St Giles, Oxford
ST GILES ORCHESTRA
Oxford's favourite nonprofessional orchestra return for another year. St Giles Orchestra returns to Cornerstone for its annual concert of classical music, this time with a romantic 'Romeo and Juliet' theme - celebrating the star-crossed lovers and the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

Sat, Nov 12, 8pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
YES PLEASE!
YES PLEASE, leading UK Yes Tribute Band, faithfully reproduce this intricate, impassioned and inspirational music with full vocal harmonies, authentic 70s sounds, and an earthy energetic attitude.

Thu, Nov 10, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
JON BODEN
Former Bellowhead frontman Jon Boden has quickly become one of the leading traditional music performers of his generation. Swapping Bellowhead's exuberant big band vibe for more simple, pared down sound, Boden embarks on his first ever solo tour.
John will also lead an early evening singing workshop from 7pm on the night, personally teaching choruses and harmonies for songs that will be performed in his main set. (No previous singing experience is required.)

Mon, Nov 14 – Sat, Nov 19
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
OLIVER!
Consider yourself at home as Oxford Operatic Society returns to the Oxford Playhouse with their latest production, Oliver!
Oliver Twist, a young orphan in Victorian England, escapes from his orphanage to a new life in the city. But falling in with pickpocket the Artful Dodger and the charismatic but manipulative Fagin offers him as much danger as it does freedom. For every new friend he meets, like the warm-hearted Nancy, there are dangerous foes...

Tue, Nov 15 – Sat, Nov 19
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SUMMER AND SMOKE
Alma, a preacher's daughter, and John, the carefree son of a doctor, have known each other since they were children, residing next door to each other in the small town of Glorious Hill, Mississippi at the turn of century.
The first UK performance of this tumultuous play in ten years, Summer and Smoke follows the lives of Alma and John as they grow up and learn that, sometimes, life has things in store for you that you just don't expect.

Tue, Nov 15 – Sun, Jan 8
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
ROBINSON CRUSOE
A tale loved through the ages of shipwrecks and desert islands, retold as you've never seen it before, with pirates, mermaids, cowboys and the fearsome Pirate Queen, Betty Babcock!
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Wed, Nov 16, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Wallingford
ALAN BENNETT
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Sat, Nov 19, 11.30am and 2pm
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Sun, Nov 20, 2pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK
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Mon, Nov 21, 10.30am
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
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Tue, Nov 22, 7pm
New Theatre, Oxford
DAVID ESSEX
Internationally renowned singer, composer and actor David Essex OBE has announced his first major tour in over four years. The 21 date UK tour taking place in November will see him perform much loved hits spanning over his entire 50 year repertoire.
David first shot to fame when he went to an audition for the London production of the musical Godspell and was chosen by enthusiastic US producers for the role of Jesus. He received major awards and some ecstatic reviews which saw him lead a cast at the Roundhouse and then at the West End for two years.

Tue, Nov 22 – Sat, Nov 26
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
IN THE REPUBLIC OF HAPPINESS
The family Christmas dinner seems to be proceeding with the usual superficial warmth and humour, before the surprise visit of Uncle Bob causes an outburst of raw emotion. One by one, the family's darker indulgences are revealed...
One of the UK's most inventive and accomplished dramatists, Crimp's play is a razor-sharp commentary on modern consumer society. With his typical confrontational bite, he explores ideas of happiness, the destruction of the family, and the attempt to create a life "like a pane of glass" where everything is happy, beautiful, and shallow.

Thu, Nov 24, 7pm
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Fri, Nov 25, 8pm
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Fri, Nov 25 – Sun, Jan 1
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
CINDERELLA
Are you ready for a gigantic sprinkle of Playhouse magic this Christmas? Then get set to join Cinderella on a midnight coach ride through pantoland!
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By **Anthony Yates**

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To be honest – I'm struggling to find the reasons why anybody would buy a DS4 with a manual gearbox when it's clear to me that the automatic gearbox is the one to have.

On the road:

I was expecting the suspension to feel a little bit soft actually, but to my surprise it felt really sporty into the corners. The steering also felt very light and well weighted which was yet another nice surprise.

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In terms of safety, you also get ESC, driver and front passenger airbags, front lateral/curtain air bags and Isofix child seat anchorage points (x2).

To sum up:

I like the DS4 Crossback, but I don't like the pricing. The base model Puretech 130 S&S six-speed manual starts at about £22,000, and if you decided to buy the model I am reviewing here, then it will set you back a staggering £27,045 (basic OTR costs). Add in a few extras and you are starting to push towards £30,000. For me, that feels like a big ask and I am really struggling to deal with that too.

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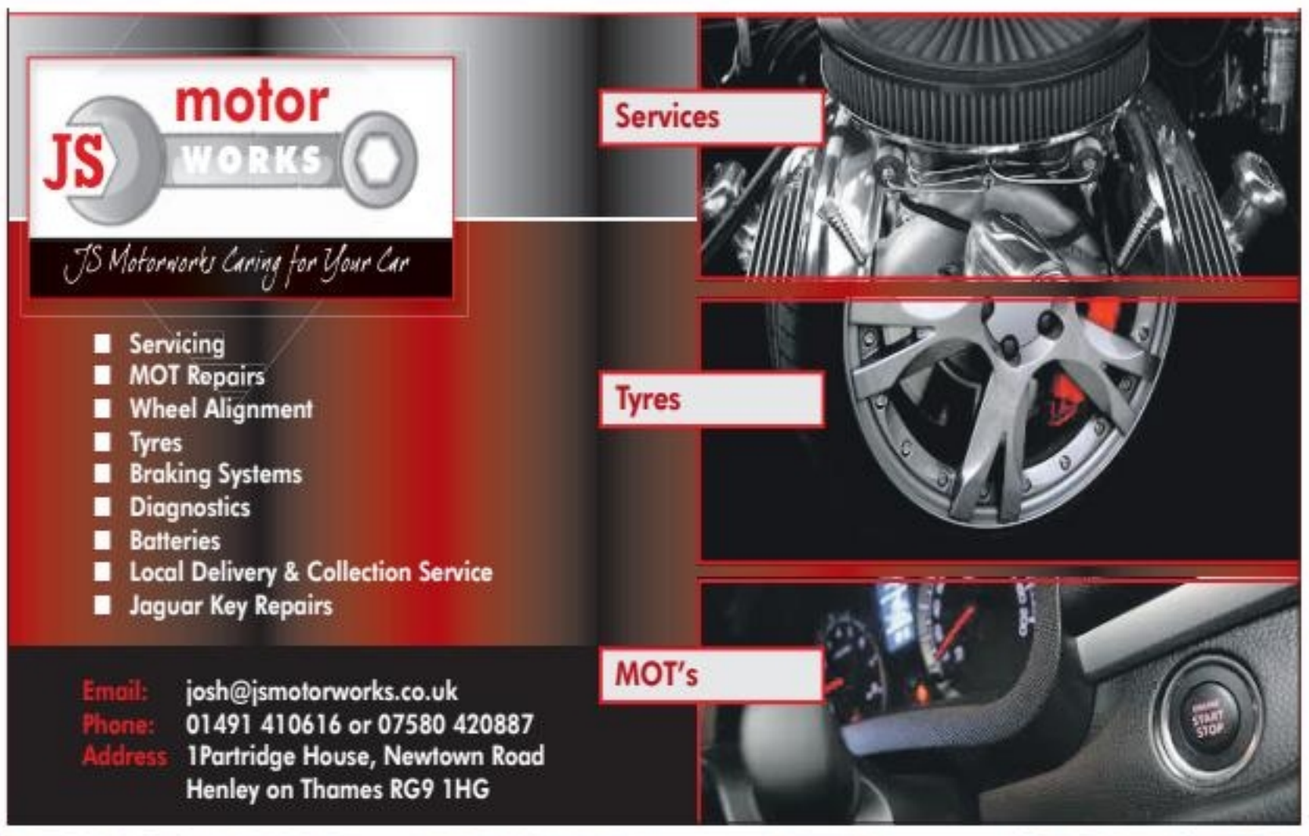

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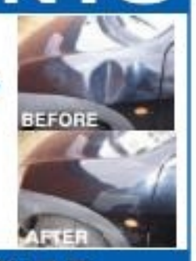

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Williams drops further point to Force India in F1 table fight

By Adam Flinn

WILLIAMS dropped a point to Force India in their battle for fourth place in the constructors' championship as Valtteri Bottas and Felipe Massa came eighth and ninth in Sunday's Mexican Grand Prix.

Both drivers finished where they had qualified to score six points for the Grove-based team, but with Force India earning seven combined for seventh and 10th, Williams are now nine points behind with just two races of the season left.

Massa made the better start of the two Williams drivers and was up to sixth by the end of the first lap, getting in front of Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari.

After some choice words over the radio about Massa slowing him down, Vettel eventually got past when the Brazilian pitted on lap 14 for the medium tyre.

Crucially, though, Massa stayed ahead of Sergio Perez after the pitstops, and despite constant pressure for the rest of the race, the Force India car was unable to get past.

"It was really difficult to keep in front, but I pushed to the end and I'm so happy with the result," said Massa.

"I stopped to put on the medium tyres and suffered on the first 15 laps with those, then lap by lap I picked up grip and fought for the whole race with Perez.

"Even if we lost one point, we will keep fighting them, and that's what we're going to do until the last race of the season."

Bottas had a more straightforward afternoon, bringing his Williams home seven seconds behind Nico Hulkenberg.

After dropping behind his team-mate at the start, Bottas managed to get past Massa for eighth shortly after pitting, where he remained for the rest of the race.

He said: "As a team, we did a good job with a strategy and tactics that worked as good as we could have hoped. We managed to make the one-stop strategy work, which was helped by perfect timing with the pitstops.

"Unfortunately, Force India still have a bit more pace than us and that is why one of them was ahead."

Williams were expected to announce their 2017 driver line-up at their factory in Grove today. Bottas is thought to be staying with the team, while Canadian teenager Lance Stroll is tipped to be replacing the retiring Massa.

The next race is Massa's home race at Interlagos, Brazil, on November 13.

• *Felipe Massa leads Sebastian Vettel in the early stages of the Mexican Grand Prix (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	349
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	330
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	242
4. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	187
5. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	178
6. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	177
7. Sergio Perez	Force India	85
8. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**85**
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	60
10. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	52
11. Felipe Massa	**Williams**	**51**
12. Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	38
13. Romain Grosjean	**Haas**	**29**
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	25
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	21
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**7**
17. Pascal Wehrlein	**Manor**	**1**
18. Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
19. Esteban Gutierrez	**Haas**	**1**
20. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**0**
21. Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23. Rio Haryanto	**Manor**	**0**
24. Esteban Ocon	**Manor**	**0**

Palmer's charge reaps 14th place

JOLYON Palmer put in a charge from the back of the grid to finish 14th in Sunday's Mexican Grand Prix.

A mammoth 70-lap stint on medium tyres after pitting during the safety period on the first lap elevated him up the order, having briefly been as high as 12th.

His team-mate Kevin Magnussen was put on a two-stop strategy, but it did not work quite as well as he slipped from his grid position of 14th to end up 17th at the chequered flag.

Team principal Fred Vasseur said afterwards: "Jolyon had a strong race where we made the most of an aggressive strategy and pitted him very early under the safety car.

"He put in a robust defence of his position, in particular against both Jenson [Button] and Fernando [Alonso].

"Kevin had a puzzling race as he was well-placed at the start but he struggled for pace whatever the tyres.

"We'll spend a lot of time checking the car and analysing the race to understand how we could have done better."

• *Jolyon Palmer in action (Picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)*

Banbury teams experience race misery

ROMAIN Grosjean admitted that Haas was "nowhere" at Sunday's Mexican Grand Prix, as the Banbury-based team drivers limped home in 19th and 20th places.

Both cars started towards the back and did not make any progress, as the team struggled with problems afflicting their cars.

Gutierrez finished the higher of the two in his home race but suffered from brake issues, while Grosjean complained about a lack of downforce.

The Frenchman said: "We tried to change a few parts to analyse what was going wrong, but we really haven't found the problem yet.

"The car was just nowhere, it was very difficult to handle and drive.

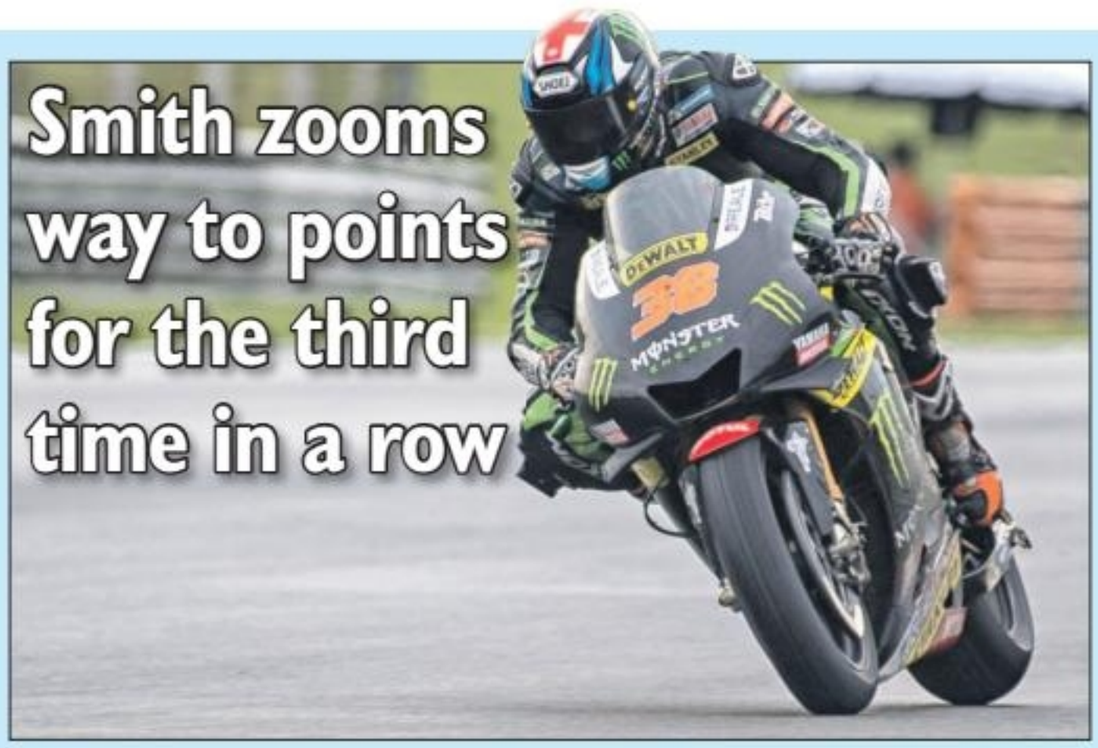
"We didn't get anything right. The car was pulling on the left under braking, it felt weird."

Fellow Banbury team Manor also experienced an afternoon to forget, with Pascal Wehrlein being taken out of the race at the second corner.

He was caught up in an accident between Gutierrez and Marcus Ericsson, eliminating him on the spot.

His team-mate Esteban Ocon made it to the end of the race in 21st place.

Smith zooms way to points for the third time in a row



• *Bradley Smith will race with Tech3 for the last time this weekend*

BRADLEY Smith bravely battled through to 14th to conclude the triple back-to-back MotoGPs with another determined performance in Malaysia on Sunday.

The Oxford Tech3 rider began the 20-lap sprint from the head of the fifth row on the grid and expertly navigated his way around the opening lap, whilst impressively climbing four positions, before concluding it in 11th.

From there, the 25-year-old built up a solid rhythm and remained focused to push through the challenging conditions all the way to the chequered flag, which he met in 14th.

This result marks a third successive point-scoring finish for Smith since his comeback at the Japanese GP after he missed three rounds with a knee injury.

Smith said: "To come back from my injury and score three point-scoring finishes is much better than what I was expecting.

"[The race] certainly was tough due to the conditions but we have to be content with another finish in the points, even if we were hoping for more.

"With the amount of water that was on the track, I wasn't able to generate the right temperature into the rear tyre so it was tricky but I did my best and I don't think that I could have given any more.

"It's a pity to end up in 14th because we've had really good pace throughout the weekend, yet we have to look at the positives and take them on board."

Smith is 18th in the standings on 55 points with just one race remaining in Valencia, Spain, on November 13, which will conclude his six-year partnership with Tech3.

Utd Women end season with dismal away record

By George Welch

OXFORD United Women will finish the season pointless away from home following a ninth defeat on their travels in all competitions.

Despite not playing for five weeks, Oxford went down to a 2-1 defeat on Sunday at Sheffield FC Ladies, who sneaked victory thanks to early second-half goals from captain Carly Ward and Rhema Lord-Mears.

Top scorer Ini Umotong responded for United but her injury-time finish was too little too late for Les Taylor's side.

Although Oxford were awarded three points at Millwall in May after an abandonment, the U's have lost all nine of their competitive away matches they have played, conceding 31 goals and only scoring seven in the process.

Yet, United arguably deserved more from Sunday's game. Perhaps unsurprisingly however, United spent much of the first half on the back foot but were able to restrict the home side mostly to pot-shots from outside the area.

Emma Lipman was given a clearer sight of goal in the 12th minute when Hannah Cain whipped in a free-kick from wide on the left, finding her teammate unmarked at the back post but unable to divert her header on target.

At the other end, United looked threatened with high pressing, Umotong going close early on before having a penalty appeal waved away.

The first half was brought to an end with chances in both boxes. A goalmouth scramble in the Sheffield area sat up perfectly for United captain Kat Nutman, but her shot was charged down and cleared for the hosts to break up the left flank. However, Ellie Gilliatt's cross was just beyond the reach of a stretching Cain.

United started the second half brightly with a sustained spell of pressure, but they were caught cold 12 minutes into the half when Sheffield captain Ward shimmied through two challenges and curled an effort into the bottom corner.

And, despite being on top, United found themselves two goals down just moments later when Lord-Mears fired into the top left-hand corner.

Oxford finally got the goal they deserved in injury time when Umotong raced on to a long ball and lifted the ball over the onrushing Sheffield keeper.

Just one game remains for the Yellows this season, as title-chasing Bristol City visit the Northcourt next Sunday.

• Oxford United Women have conceded 31 goals on their travels this season

Back-to-back home wins for Oxford City Stars

A DEBUT goal from Jaroslav Cesky helped Oxford City Stars make it back-to-back home wins for the first time this season with Sunday's 3-1 win over Solent Devils at Oxford Ice Rink.

Cesky struck in the second period to cancel out an early Richard Facey goal for the visitors. Third-period goals from Joonas Liimatainen and Alan Green secured a 3-1 win for the Stars, who had won their previous home game 9-3 against London Raiders a week earlier.

The win for Simon Anderson's side, who sit in second place in the NIHL South 1 table, cut Chelmsford Chieftains' lead at the top of the division to just two points.

With four wins in their last five matches, Oxford can enjoy some breathing space ahead of the rest of the pack, with Streatham IHC in third place four points behind.

However, Oxford remain winless in their two NIHL South 1 BBO Cup matches so far. The Stars will be looking to kick-start their BBO Cup campaign when they face Bracknell Hornets at Oxford Ice Rink on Saturday before heading to Milton Keynes Thunder on Sunday.

Oxford return to league action the following weekend, visiting London Raiders and hosting Invicta Dynamos.

Six sign on for Oxford RL side

OXFORD RL have confirmed six signings for the 2017 Kingstone Press League 1 campaign kicking off in March.

New boys Anthony Cox, from London Skolars, and Liam O'Callaghan and Harrison Brough, both from Hemel Stags, have joined, while Blues regulars Harvey Burnett, Luke Gardiner and Luke Evans have re-signed.

Head coach Tim Rumford said: "This is excellent news for the club and rugby league in Oxfordshire. The message seems to be getting out there that the Oxford policy of giving southern talent an opportunity to play is getting through to players.

"We have in the last three seasons produced three homegrown lads to go on and earn Super League contracts.

"We are definitely creating pathways and I'm proud of that and I'd like to applaud the coaching staff and all at the club for their commitment to this mission."

Winger Gardiner is to start his third season with Oxford, while ex-London Broncos centre Burnett kicks off his second season having joined mid-way through last year.

Evans enters his fifth season in a Blue shirt and is closing in on 50 appearances.

Wootton falls short in PGA Play-Offs

AN Oxford golfer missed the opportunity to make an appearance on the PGA Tour next year, despite a valiant effort at the PGA Play-Offs in Devon.

Adam Wootton knew a top-10 finish last week would have earned him a spot in next year's BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth with golf's big boys.

Although Wootton was in contention for the majority of the tournament, he could only manage a 17th-place finish at the Saunton links course.

The Oxford Golf Centre golfer, who played in the Open at Royal St George's in 2011, finished on +5, six shots off the top 10 threshold.

Wootton, who juggles his coaching commitments with his playing ambitions, recovered from a nightmare first round of +4 to card a second round of -4 to leave him on par and in contention for a top 10 finish.

But subsequent rounds of +1 and +4 pushed him out of his top-10 berth and into 17th position.

Matthew Cort, of Beedles Lake Golf Club in Leicester, took top spot and the £2k prize money with a score of -7.

He said: "I am thrilled. I have had a couple of seconds in this event so it's fantastic to finally win it.

"This caps off a great season. It is great to finish it number one."

Wootton picked up £355 for his finishing place.

• Adam Wootton (Picture by Steve Bardens/Getty Images)

• Darius Browne in action for Banbury against Bishops Cleeve (Picture by EA Barson Photography)

Puritans dumped out of FA Trophy

BANBURY United will be scratching their heads as to how they crashed out of the FA Trophy in a 1-0 defeat at home to Bishops Cleeve on Saturday.

But the Puritans returned to Southern League action on Tuesday with an emphatic 4-1 victory at St Neots to record their first Premier division win in three games.

United would not have fallen at the FA Trophy's first hurdle was it not for the impressive Matt Wieczorek in the visitors' goal. Bishops Cleeve received a let off on 23 minutes when Chris Pates headed against his own woodwork, before Ricky Johnson, Banbury's top scorer, had a shot expertly saved by Wieczorek.

And Wieczorek continued to frustrate the hosts on the half-hour mark, saving first from Conor McDonagh and then George Wise.

But the visiting Mitres secured their passage into the 2nd qualifying round against the run of play with 12 minutes to go when Jacob Davidge headed home.

The Puritans continued to dominate but failed to beat Wieczorek.

On Tuesday, United came from behind to thump St Neots 4-1 at the Rowley Park Stadium.

First-half goals from Eddie Odihambo and Jack Self and a second-half brace from George Jeacock moved Mike Ford's side up to sixth in the league, three points off the play-offs.

Utd fail to tame Lions

By George Welch

• Liam Sercombe, left, celebrates his goal with team-mates (Picture by Steve Daniels)

OXFORD United's inconsistent season continued as Millwall goals either side of the interval condemned them to their second defeat in three games on Saturday.

Liam Sercombe opened the scoring for United but goals from Steve Morison and Aiden O'Brien earned the visiting Lions a 2-1 win at the Kassam.

Millwall's direct approach had the U's defence on the back foot from the off as Morison nodded an effort over Simon Eastwood's goal within 60 seconds.

Chris Maguire fired narrowly wide on nine minutes after his low free kick nearly caught out Jordan Archer in the Millwall goal before a Dan Crowley effort was deflected wide for a corner.

The Lions should have taken the lead on 16 minutes when Lee Gregory found himself one-on-one with Eastwood following a counter attack from a corner, but could only poke the ball wide.

And he was made to pay on the half-hour mark when Sercombe gave the hosts the lead.

Marvin Johnson got the better of Mahlon Romeo down United's left before cutting back a pinpoint cross from the by-line to present Sercombe with a tap-in to convert his season's third.

But Millwall responded just five minutes later when a stunning 25-yard volley from Morison restored parity. The ball dropped for the former Wales international who thumped it beyond the reach of Eastwood for his seventh of the season.

There was not much between the sides in the first half but it was Millwall who came out fighting at the start of the second to take the lead on 49 minutes.

A fine cut-back following a mazy run from right back Romeo found its way to the unmarked O'Brien who took a touch before firing expertly into the bottom corner.

Maguire found Crowley in the box on the hour mark, whose shot on the turn was creeping wide, but Archer got his hands to it.

The pacey Fred Onyedinma broke away from the resulting corner, but Eastwood was equal to the youngster's effort, who should have done better.

A series of bookings followed, with Joe Rothwell, Maguire and Shane Ferguson all being cautioned as the game became increasingly scrappy.

Oxford cranked up the pressure but, despite seeing lots of possession around the visitors' penalty area, the U's failed to seriously threaten Archer.

With 15 minutes left on the clock, substitute Tyler Roberts struck the crossbar after Johnson won the ball in the box.

United wasted a great chance to equalise in stoppage time when Maguire stood up a cross for the unmarked Curtis Nelson, but the former Plymouth defender could only head into Archer's arms.

Sport Bites

Four in a row

HOCKEY: Oxford Men's 1s made it four wins in a row to stay second with a well-deserved 4-3 victory at Marlow in MBBO Regional 1.

Oxford dominated the first half but fell behind before Dan Bleach equalised with a brave diving finish.

Connor Savage made it 2-1 with a fine reverse hit within a minute of the break.

Marlow equalised after James Rayward had made it 3-2 to Oxford with a fine low drive.

Oxford stepped up the pace with minutes to go and took all three points after Sean Cox converted a penalty stroke.

Rookie days

RUGBY LEAGUE: Oxford Saints have announced two Rookie Days as they prepare to recruit players ahead of the 2017 season.

The special events intended for potential new players will take place on November 27 and December 11 between midday and 3pm at Tilsley Park in Abingdon.

Entry is £2 and players are asked to arrive by 11.45am to allow time to change and to sign in.

Visit the side's website at www.oxfordsaints.com for more information.

England call-up

SKIING: A 12-year-old from Oxford will represent his country after he was selected for the Under-14 England Alpine Ski Squad for the 2016/17 winter season.

Adrian Yung, who attends Magdalen College School, is training with CDC Performance, a training academy run by Winter Olympian Chemmy Alcott and her husband Dougie Crawford.

Adrian's goals for the coming 2016/2017 season are to "finish in the top 25 in under-14 races".

Lottie selected

SWIMMING: A 12-year-old Abingdon Vale swimmer has been selected for England's Talent Development Programme after winning five gold medals this year at county level.

Lottie James also claimed gold in the 200IM at the South East Regional Age Group Championships in May.

The Talent Development Programme provides support to swimmers as they progress through their swimming career.

Lottie's great form earned her a place on the programme, held at Millfield School, Somerset, where she will swim alongside some of the nation's best young talent.

• Oxford City have scored two goals in three games since Jefferson Louis, pictured, bolstered the Hoops' frontline (Picture by Michael Allen)

Defence lapse costs City dear

OXFORD City were unable to build upon a recent upturn in form when they fell to a 1-0 defeat at Dartford in the National League South on Saturday.

Coming up against a side unbeaten at home and on an eight-match winning streak in all competitions, City matched their hosts throughout.

But they were undone by a momentary lapse two minutes before the break when Andy Pugh scored.

However, City started brightly against Dartford, with Jonny Giles and Jefferson Louis both firing just wide in the opening five minutes. But at the other end they remained vulnerable and were indebted to some fine goalkeeping from Oxford United loanee Jack Stevens.

When City's defence was finally breached just two minutes before the break, it was frustratingly simple after they failed to deal with a direct aerial attack.

Elliot Bradbrook nodded on a goal kick for Pugh to flick over the head of the stranded Stevens.

City began to build some pressure as they sought an equaliser, but failed to create enough clear-cut openings and succumbed to their 10th defeat of the season.

Millers cruise into next round of FA Trophy

NORTH Leigh hit Yate Town for six as John Brough's men stormed through to the 2nd qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

Braces from Eric Odihambo and George Seacole respectively and further strikes from James Fawke and John Steadman made sure the Millers secured their passage into the next round in emphatic fashion.

The 6-1 win away at fellow Southern League Division 1 South & West outfit Yate was a surprisingly comfortable victory and saw the Millers add another £2,700 to this season's cup winnings.

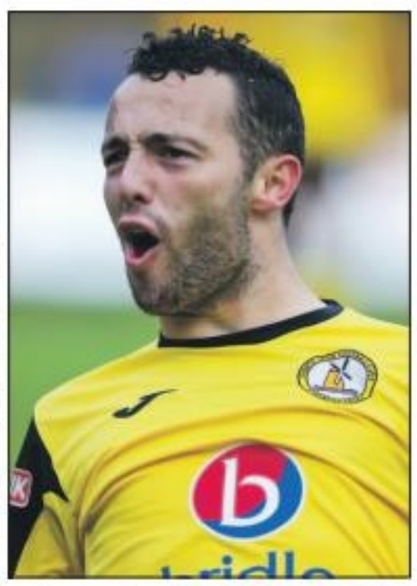
Goals from Odihambo and Seacole gave Leigh a convincing 2-0 lead at half-time before Jack Ball pulled one back for the hosts from the penalty spot at the start of the second half.

But further strikes from Odihambo and Seacole put the game beyond doubt, before Fawke and Steadman added some extra gloss, making it a very convincing scoreline.

The Millers will renew hostilities with Folkestone Invicta after being drawn against them in the 2nd qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

The West Oxfordshire side will travel to Cheriton Road on November 12, having already knocked the Kent side out of the Emirates FA Cup last month.

And due to the club's cup form this season, their massive home fixture that was scheduled for November 12 against table-toppers Hereford will now be played midweek. A date for the fixture is yet to be confirmed.



• George Seacole celebrates an FA Cup goal against Folkestone (Picture by Paul Foster)

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Boss targets cup success

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By George Welch

OXFORD United head coach Michael Appleton will make significant changes to his starting XI in the U's upcoming cup fixtures.

United take on Isthmian League Premier Division side Merstham away in the FA Cup 1st round on Saturday before heading to Stamford Bridge to face a Chelsea Under-23 side in the Checkatrade Trophy on Tuesday.

Saturday's FA Cup clash against Surrey village team Merstham, from the seventh tier of English football, will allow some of United's fringe players more game time against a team appearing in the 1st round for the first time.

Ahead of the cup ties, Appleton, whose side have suffered from inconsistency and find themselves 17th in the SkyBet League One table, said: "There are players in the team who deserve to get a run-out against Merstham and Chelsea.

"The reality is because of our defeat to Millwall and a point that should have been three points at Port Vale [the week before], it is an opportunity for them now to stake a claim for the Shrewsbury game.

"That's the message that's gone out to the players and, hopefully, they will take that on board."

Saturday's kick-off against Merstham has been moved to 12.30pm for the BT TV cameras.

Speaking of the FA Cup tie, Appleton said: "When it [the Merstham draw] first came out, I think everyone in the country probably went 'oo'.

"We have just got to make sure we are professional. We will go there with the right attitude, there's an opportunity to get into the next round.

"It was really good for us last year – we had three or four fantastic games and we will be looking to do the same."

The U's reached the cup's 4th round last year, beating Premiership side Swansea City before losing to Championship team Blackburn Rovers.

Appleton favours shuffling his pack in cup competitions, which means players such as Ryan Taylor, Kane Hemmings, Alex MacDonald, Tyler Roberts and Charlie Raglan, who have had limited game time this season, could feature in the next week.

Striker Wes Thomas returned to training this week after a calf problem and could also feature in the two ties.

Oxford have an allocation of 1,000 tickets for Saturday's trip to Moatside.

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